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AN ACT
DEFINING ILLEGAL DRAG RACING AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “Illegal Drag Racing
2 Ban Act.”

3 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – The State shall promote the general welfare
4 and safety of both pedestrians and motorists and, hence, shall outlaw the practice of
5 illegal drag racing that jeopardizes road safety.

6 **SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.*** – As used in this Act,

7 (a) *Drag racing* refers to a road race involving two (2) or more road vehicles
8 driven side by side within a specified distance at accelerating speeds with the objective
9 to outdo each other, or the employment of vehicles not necessarily driven side by side
10 over a common course for the purpose of determining the relative speeds or power of
11 acceleration of the vehicles;

12 (b) *Illegal drag racing* refers to a drag racing not sanctioned or permitted by
13 government authorities. The term also includes a race between public utility vehicles
14 randomly overtaking each other for the purpose of getting to the passengers ahead of
15 another or the mere purpose of outdistancing another at speeds beyond the legal speed
16 limit of a certain road;

17 (c) *Road vehicle* refers to any type of motorized or electric vehicle, which uses
18 a road, street or highway for conveyance of people or goods. The term includes four-

1 wheeled, three-wheeled and two-wheeled vehicles but shall not include vehicles
2 classified as heavy equipment or agricultural equipment.

3 **SEC. 4. *Ban on Illegal Drag Racing.*** – Upon the effectivity of this Act, no drag
4 racing of any kind shall be conducted or held on any public road, street or highway
5 unless sanctioned by the government and approved by the local government unit (LGU)
6 having jurisdiction over the venue. Drag racing on a private road or property shall also
7 be deemed illegal unless permitted by the LGU concerned.

8 **SEC. 5. *Penalties.*** – Any person guilty of illegal drag racing, including the
9 promoter or organizer thereof, upon conviction, shall be penalized with a fine of not
10 less than Three hundred thousand pesos (P300,000.00) nor more than Five hundred
11 thousand pesos (P500,000.00) or imprisonment of one (1) year, or both, at the discretion
12 of the court. The penalties herein provided shall be without prejudice to the imposition
13 of additional penalties resulting from the commission of other crimes or offenses
14 occasioned by the same act.

15 The driver's license of a person who participated in illegal drag racing shall be
16 immediately confiscated and suspended for a period of six (6) months. The driver's
17 license may only be redeemed upon undergoing a seminar for proper driving and such
18 other requirements under the existing policies of the Land Transportation Office (LTO).
19 The commission of the offense for the second time shall result in the perpetual
20 disqualification of the offender from being issued a driver's license.

21 **SEC. 6. *Impounding of Vehicles Involved in Illegal Drag Racing.*** – Any
22 vehicle involved in illegal drag racing shall be immediately impounded. The LTO,
23 subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOTr)
24 shall provide a reasonable schedule of fees for the storage of impounded vehicles.

25 **SEC. 7. *Assistance of Relevant Government Agencies.*** – To ensure the
26 effective implementation of this Act, the DOTr shall work hand in hand with the
27 Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Philippine National Police
28 (PNP), the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), and the LGUs in
29 the area of enforcement.

30 **SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).*** – The DOTr shall, within
31 ninety (90) days following the effectivity of this Act, promulgate the necessary rules
32 and regulations for its effective implementation. The rules and regulations shall be
33 crafted in consultation with the DILG, the PNP, the LTO, the LTFRB, the MMDA and
34 the relevant government agencies and private stakeholders.

35 **SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid
36 or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force
37 and effect.

1 **SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, presidential
2 issuances and other administrative rules and regulation or parts thereof which are
3 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
4 accordingly.

5 **SEC. 10. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
6 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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