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T O: All Concerned

R E: Motorcycle Safety Guidelines

In relation to the Land Transportation Office (LTO)'s comprehensive highway safety program, this Office directs all concerned to follow the provisions stated below in order to achieve a significant reduction in traffic accidents resulting to injuries/fatalities on public and VSU campus roads:

Section VI. Passenger and Cargo Load. Only one (1) back rider shall be allowed on a motorcycle or scooter who must be provided with a seat and footrest.

The motorcycle or scooter shall not carry cargo other than the saddle bags or luggage carriers specifically designed and approved by the DTI.

Section VII. Wearing of Standard Helmet. It shall be the duty of the motorcycle or scooter driver/rider to ensure that he/she and the back rider wear standard helmets.

Section VIII. Motorcycle and Scooter Accessories. Motorcycles or scooters shall be equipped with required accessories such as headlight, tail light, signal light, brake light, side mirror and horn.

The driver shall, anytime of the day, switch on the headlight of the motorcycle or scooter while it is being operated on the highway. He shall dim the headlight or lower the beam whenever the motorcycle or scooter is being operated on well-lighted streets within the limits of cities, municipalities and thickly populated barrios or districts, or whenever it meets another vehicle along a highway.

Any modification of the original standard design of a motorcycle or scooter shall first be subject to the approval of LTO and the DTI.

Section IX. Miscellaneous Traffic Rules.

- a) *No driver/rider shall operate a motorcycle or scooter while under the influence of liquor or narcotic drug.*

- b) *The driver/rider shall not use a cellular phone or other gadgets while operating a motorcycle or scooter.*
- c) *A driver/rider shall observe the rule and on one lane per one vehicle only. Lane splitting is prohibited along a road or a highway. Motorcycles or scooters shall not be operated on sidewalks.*

Section X. Accreditation of Motorcycle Riding School. Any person may establish a motorcycle riding school according to law, provided accreditation is secured from the LTO.

The LTO may waive the practical driving test for a student permit holder applying for driver's license with Restriction Code No. 1, who has completed a rider's course from a LTO accredited motorcycle riding school, provided the certificate of completion and graded results of the riding test of said applicant are submitted to the LTO.

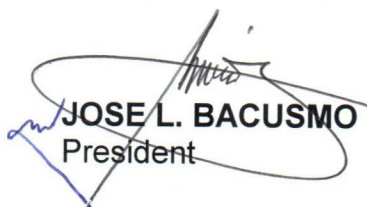
Section XI. Penal and other Provisions. The following fines/penalties shall be imposed against those who violated these Rules and Regulations.

- a) *For failure of driver/rider and/or back rider to wear prescribed helmet, a fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00) with accessory penalty of driver/rider attending a seminar or traffic safety management to be conducted by the LTO.*
- b) *For carrying more passengers other than the back rider or cargo other than the saddle bags and luggage carriers, fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00).*
- c) *For defective accessories such as headlight, tail light, signal light, brake light, side mirror and horn, a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00).*
- d) *For modifying any part of the original designs of a motorcycle or scooter without approval of the LTO and the DTI, a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00).*
- e) *For wearing of flip flops, sandals or slippers or being bare footed while operating motorcycle or scooter on a road or highway, a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) for the first offense, Seven Hundred Pesos (P700.00) for the second offense and a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) and revocation of driver's license for the third offense.*

Furthermore, the Land Transportation Office (LTO) warned that fake driver's licenses are proliferating in the region. The Official Drivers License can only be obtained from LTO. No other agency or individual is allowed to issue a drivers license. Anyone caught possessing a fake license will be fined or imprisoned.

Your utmost cooperation is highly appreciated.

For information, guidance and compliance.


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 President