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ORDINANCE NO. SP-768, S-99

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS SEATED AT THE FRONT PORTION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO WEAR SAFETY BELTS WHILE TRAVERSING THROUGH THE STREETS OF QUEZON CITY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilors NANETTE CASTELO DAZA, JULIAN M.L. COSETENG and ERIC Z. MEDINA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Vincent P. Crisologo, George M. Canseco, Rommel R. Abesamis, Ma. Fresca M. Biglang-awa, Godofredo T. Liban II, Jorge L. Banal, Michael F. Planas, Anthony C. Castelo, Jesus C. Surtey, Marcel C. Rillo, Ramon G. Mathay, Bayani V. Hipol and Almario E. Francisco.

WHEREAS, road accidents result in destruction of property, physical injuries and possible death to drivers, passengers and bystanders;

WHEREAS, such accidents can be minimized if appropriate precautionary measures are applied or put in place;

WHEREAS, a necessary safety device provided by manufacturers of motor vehicles is a safety belt to be strapped by both passenger and driver;

WHEREAS, safety features such as safety belts have been proven to be useful and effective in all countries in safeguarding the safety of drivers and passengers when any accidents occur;

WHEREAS, most, if not all, vehicles plying in the roads are already equipped with seatbelts as standard feature;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Title – This Ordinance shall be known and referred to as the "SAFETY SEATBELT ACT OF QUEZON CITY."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy - It is hereby declared a policy of the City to promote public safety and order in the streets of Quezon City in order to ensure the preservation of human lives and properties.

SECTION 3. Operators of motor vehicles, four wheel vehicles, private or government, including taxis, owner jeeps and jeepneys are required to install front seat belts for drivers and passengers.

SECTION 4. Definition of Terms - For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following definition shall be adopted to wit:

Motor Vehicle - any four wheel vehicle private or government owned including taxis, owner jeeps, jeepneys and vans.

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SECTION 5. Mandatory Use of Seatbelts For their safety, the driver and front seat passengers of public and private motor vehicles are required to wear or use seatbelts or safety devices at all times while driving or riding a vehicle. In the case of public vehicles, the driver shall be required to readily inform and require the front seat passenger upon boarding to wear the prescribed seatbelts. Any passenger who refuses to wear seatbelts shall be required to get off the public vehicle.

SECTION 6. Exemptions - Passengers who are seated at the back shall be exempted from this Ordinance. The seatbelt requirement shall be optional to motorized cranes, buses, dumptrucks, bulldozers, graders, payloaders and other similar vehicle or motorized machine, or equipment used or utilized for road.

SECTION 7. Penalties - The driver of a motor vehicle found violating this Ordinance shall be issued a Traffic Violation Receipt and shall be fined as follows:

1st Offense	P	200.00
2nd Offense		400.00
3rd Offense		600.00
4th Offense		800.00
5th Offense		1,000.00 but not more than 2,000.00

SECTION 7. For effective and efficient implementation of this Ordinance, the City Mayor may create a task force which will include, but not limited to, the Central Police Traffic Management Group/Traffic Enforcement Group of Quezon City. Copies of this Ordinance shall be sent to the Manila Metropolitan Development Authority and other related agencies for proper implementation.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause - If for any reason, any section/s of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional, other section or provisions hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause - All Ordinances, rules and regulations of the City which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Effectivity - This Ordinance shall take effect six (6) months after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED : March 9, 1999.

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Acting Presiding Officer

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