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PROVINCE OF LA UNION  
City of San Fernando

**TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

EXCERPT FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE 102<sup>nd</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 21<sup>st</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LA UNION HELD AT THE SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE FRANCISCO I. ORTEGA PROVINCIAL LEGISLATIVE BUILDING AND SESSION HALL, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION ON JUNE 14, 2018

**Hon. Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce**..... Vice-Governor / Presiding Officer

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Hon. Nancy Corazon M. Bacurnay.....	Member
Hon. Bellarmin A. Flores II .....	Member
Hon. Francisco Paolo P. Ortega V .....	Member
Hon. Erwina C. Eriguel.....	Member

ABSENT:

NONE

**ORDINANCE NO. 132-2018**

**REQUIRING ALL MOTORCYCLE, TRICYCLE, E-BIKE AND BICYCLE DRIVERS AND RIDERS TO WEAR A HIGH VISIBILITY VEST WHILE TRAVELLING ALONG THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY AND IN ALL ROADS WITHIN THE PROVINCE FROM 6:00 IN THE EVENING TO 6:00 IN THE MORNING AND DURING HEAVY RAINS OR TYPHOONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF**

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WHEREAS, Article II, Section 5 of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines states that the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty and property and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy.

WHEREAS, La Union Police Provincial Office's Records show that there are 1,023 motorcycle and 659 motor tricycle accidents in the province for the period beginning from the year 2016 to August 7, 2017.

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WHEREAS, road transport is an essential means of carrying people and goods but can have high costs in terms of adverse effects on health and welfare. Road traffic injuries continue to be the leading cause of death among young people aged 5-29 years; thus, under the Sustainable Development Goals, target 3.6: by 2020, halve the number of global deaths, and injuries from the road traffic accidents and SDG target 11.2: by 2030, provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notable by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, people with disabilities and older people;

WHEREAS, the Province of La Union recognizes the greater need for policy action to reduce Motorcycle, Tricycle, Bicycle and electric bicycle accidents that resulted to physical injuries and even death, thereby protecting the life and property of its people.

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan duly assembled in session that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE:** This Ordinance shall be known as the HI-VIS-VEST ORDINANCE OF THE PROVINCE.

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.**

It is hereby declared the policy of the province to secure and safeguard all road users particularly the Motorcycle, Tricycle, e-bike and Bicycle Drivers and Riders travelling at night time within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of La Union from the ruinous and extremely injurious effects of fatal or life threatening accidents and crashes. Towards this end, it shall pursue a more proactive and preventive approach to secure the safety of motorists, their passengers including pedestrians at all times through the mandatory enforcement of the use of high visibility vest.

**SECTION 3. MANDATORY USE OF HIGH VISIBILITY VEST.**

All motorcycle, e-bike and bicycle riders/drivers, including back riders, and tricycle drivers shall wear a high visibility vest while travelling, whether long or short drives/trips, along the national highway and in any type of road within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM.

In case the motorcycle, e-bike and bicycle riders/drivers, back riders and tricycle drivers carry with them a backpack, it should have a reflectorizer or a high visibility material big enough for easy visibility.

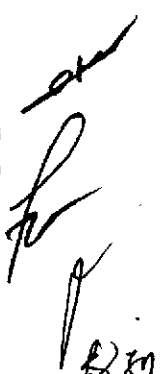
**SECTION 4. COVERAGE.**

This Ordinance shall apply to all Motorcycle, Tricycle, Bicycle and Electric Bike Drivers and Riders travelling at night time within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of La Union.

**SECTION 5. DEFINITION OF TERMS.**

As used in this Ordinance, the following phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section:

- A HIGH VISIBILITY VEST is a REFLECTIVE VEST that provides added visibility at night which one can simply slip it on over the regular clothing to make the person more noticeable, then take it off and pack it up when one reaches destination.
- ELECTRIC BICYCLE, also known as an e-bike, power bike or booster bike, is a bicycle with an integrated electric motor which can be used for propulsion and/or transport.
- FROM 6:00 IN THE EVENING TO 6:00 IN THE MORNING would also mean as AT THE ONSET OF DUSK UNTIL SUNRISE IN THE MORNING when visibility on the road is poor.



**SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTATION.**

The Department of Transportation (DOTr) with its attached agency, the Land Transportation Office (LTO), and the PNP shall implement the provisions of this ordinance.

**SECTION 7. PENALTIES.**

Any Motorcycle, E-bike, Tricycle and Bicycle Drivers and Riders travelling from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of La Union caught not wearing a hi-vis-vest and no high visibility material on their backpack in violation of this ordinance shall be punished with a fine of:

- Two thousand pesos (Php 2,000.00) for the first offense;
- Three thousand pesos (Php3,000.00) for the second offense;
- Five thousand pesos (Php5,000.00) for the third offense and succeeding offenses or imprisonment of not more than one year or both at the discretion of the court.

**SECTION 8. PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN.**

The Provincial Information and Tourism Office shall undertake province-wide information campaign on this ordinance.

**SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.**

If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Ordinance or the provisions, not otherwise affected, shall remain valid and subsisting.

**SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE.**

All previous ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

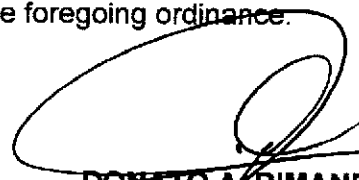
**SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE**

This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.


APPROVED.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

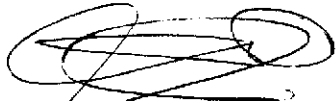
  
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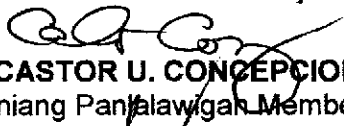
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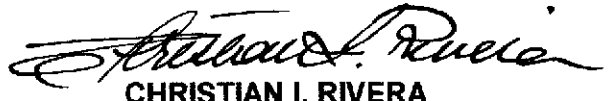
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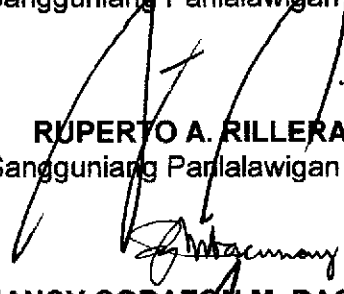
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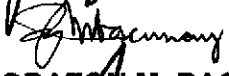
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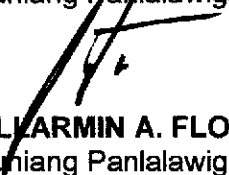
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Provincial Governor

Date Signed: JUL 26 2018

