

# Sangguniang Panlalawigan

BATAAN CAPITOL, BALANGA CITY



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 13<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF BATAAN ON OCTOBER 3, 2022 HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, THE BUNKER, CAPITOL COMPOUND, BALANGA CITY, BATAAN

PRESENT:

Hon. Ma. Cristina M. Garcia, Vice Governor and Presiding Officer

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Hon. Precious D. Manuel, Board Member (SKF President)

#### ABSENT:

Hon. Angelito M. Sunga, Board Member (On Leave)

## **PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 21**

Series of 2022

ORDINANCE MANDATING SLOW-MOVING VEHICLES ON THE ROMAN SUPERHIGHWAY TO USE THE RIGHT LANE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

#### **AUTHORED AND SPONSORED BY:**

HON. ROMANO L. DEL ROSARIO

## **CO-AUTHORED BY:**

HON. ANTONINO B. ROMAN III, J.D., LL.M.

**WHEREAS,** Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code, provides that "[e]very local government unit shall exercise the powers . . . essential to the promotion of the general welfare";

**WHEREAS,** Section 54 of Republic Act No. 4136, otherwise known as the Land Transportation and Traffic Code, provides that "[n]o person shall drive his motor vehicle in such a manner as to obstruct or impede the passage of any vehicle";

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**WHEREAS,** ensuring a smooth and safe traffic flow on the Roman Superhighways would minimize traffic delays and hazards, thereby promoting the economic and health objectives of the Province of Bataan;

**WHEREAS**, the impending construction of Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge is expected to significantly contribute to the volume of traffic in Bataan, particularly, along the Roman Superhighway, thereby increasing traffic hazards;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

**Section 1. Short Title.** – This Ordinance shall be known as the "Keep Right Except to Overtake Ordinance."

**Section 2. Bataan Provincial Expressway.** – Otherwise known as the Roman Superhighway, this is a 68 kilometer (42 miles), two-to four-lane major highway that connects the Municipality of Dinalupihan to the Municipality of Mariveles, Bataan.

**Section 3. Mandate.** - Any vehicle proceeding upon the Roman Superhighway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at such time shall be driven in the right-hand lane for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, when preparing for a left turn at an intersection, or when avoiding a road obstruction.

Regardless of speed, any vehicle on the Roman Superhighway shall yield to faster-moving vehicle approaching from behind by moving to the right lane.

**Section 4. Penalties.** – The vehicle driver violating this Ordinance shall be fined as follows:

a. 1st Offense: Php 500.00

b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Php 1,000.00

c. 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Php 2,500.00

All penalties collected shall accrue to the General Fund of the Province of Bataan.

**Section 5. Enforcement**. – The Metro Bataan Development Authority (MBDA) shall enforce this Ordinance. In this regard, it shall deploy signs stating "KEEP RIGHT EXCEPT TO OVERTAKE" at strategic locations along the Roman Superhighway to warn the public.

**Section 6. Appropriations.** – The MBDA shall allocate funds from its budget to enforce this Ordinance.

**Section 7. Repealing Clause.** – All Ordinances, Resolutions, Orders, Memoranda, and Other Issuances inconsistent with this Ordinance, are hereby altered, amended, or repealed accordingly.

**Section 8. Separability Clause.** – In case any provision of this Ordinance shall be found to be invalid or unconstitutional, all other provisions not affected thereof shall remain in force and effect.

**Section 9. Effectivity Clause.** – This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the relevant requirements under the Local Government Code of 1991.

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Provincial Governor

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# **UNANIMOUSLY ENACTED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2022.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

ATTY. MARK LORENZ C. QUEZON Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

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ATTESTED:

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Vice Governor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

JOSE ENRIQUE S. GARCIA III Provincial Governor Date: 10-11-2022