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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The *warlords of the road*, after being shunned from their privilege of having to use their signature "*wang-wangs*" or sirens, seemed to have found a way to circumvent the "*Walang wang-wang!*" pronouncement of no less than the President, to again lord the roads in mafia style. Regular users of roads particularly in Metro Manila may have noticed a large number of vehicles now sport commemorative plates bearing "PNP-CIDG, NBI, AFP, DOJ, PNPA-PMA, LAWYER, PROSECUTOR," among others, most of which are superimposed over the regular plates issued by the Land Transportation Office (LTO).

Although legitimate commemorative plates serve to really honor a historic event or a noble profession, it cannot be discounted that the same may be used by unscrupulous individuals. This motivation is evident by the fact that there are some enterprising crooks who sell commemorative plates with a come-on that the same shall extend the bearer exemption to the number coding scheme implemented by the Metro Manila Development Authority. Moreover, commemorative plates bearing the names of law enforcement agencies seem to suggest that these vehicles are owned by some influential person or gun-wielding mafioso whom one may not wish to catch an irk of. Thus, most of the times, traffic enforcers are hesitant to flag down these vehicles despite obvious traffic violations.

Although there are regulations issued particularly by the LTO as guidelines on the use and issuance of commemorative plates, being mere regulations, they seem to lack the serious sting to address the improper use of commemorative plates. Legislation is deemed necessary to put an end to the absolutely inappropriate privilege extended to select individuals who seem to profess themselves to be *warlords of the road*.


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**AN ACT REGULATING THE ISSUANCE OF COMMEMORATIVE PLATES FOR
MOTOR VEHICLES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS
THEREOF**

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

Section 1. The issuance and use of commemorative plates for motor vehicles is hereby regulated in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Section 2. A Commemorative License Plate (CLP) refers to a duly issued plate displayed in front of motor vehicles within a limited period, used to commemorate historical events, legitimate organizations, institutions and persons of national significance.

Section 3. No CLP shall be issued bearing the names and logos of any department or agency of the government, or those of positions in the government nor shall it be valid for more than six (6) months.

Section 4. It shall be illegal to display the CLP in a manner that will obscure the view over the regular license plates which should remain visible at the front and the rear of the vehicle at all times.

Section 5. The Land Transportation Office (LTO) shall supervise the production and distribution of the CLPs. It shall likewise make public the list of authorized CLPs and their corresponding validity.

Section 6. Any person using or otherwise in possession of a motor vehicle in violation of the provisions of this act shall be subject to six (6) months imprisonment and a fine of

not more than *ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00)*. The vehicle subject of the violation shall be impounded until such time that the fine shall have been paid.

Any person manufacturing, selling, distributing or otherwise dealing CLPs in violation of this act shall be subject to six (6) months imprisonment and a fine of not more than *ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00)*. If such person is a juridical entity, its president, chairman or the person responsible for the violation shall suffer the penalty of imprisonment provided under this act.

Section 7. The Land Transportation Office is hereby directed to issue the rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this act.

Section 8. Repealing Clause. - All laws, orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, or part thereof, which are inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 9. Separability Clause. - If any provision or part of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Act shall not be affected thereby.

Section 10. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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