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Senate Bill No. 1449

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AN ACT

**EXTENDING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF DRIVER'S LICENSES,
AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE SECTION 23 OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 4136, AS AMENDED BY BATAS BLG. 398 AND EXECUTIVE
ORDER NO. 1011, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 23 of Republic Act No. 4236, otherwise known as
2 the "Land Transportation and Traffic Code," as amended, is hereby further
3 amended to read as follows:

4 SECTION 23. Issuance of Driver's License, Fees and
5 Validity. – If, after such examination, the Director or his
6 deputies find that the applicant possesses the necessary

1 qualification and proficiency in the operation of motor vehicles,
2 is able to read and write any of the official languages or a major
3 dialect and knows how to read and interpret various traffic
4 signs, signals and road markings, a professional or
5 nonprofessional license may be issued to such applicant upon
6 payment of the fee prescribed in accordance with law, AND
7 WHICH SHALL NOT COST MORE THAN THE
8 GOVERNMENT'S PROCUREMENT EXPENSE, but prior to
9 the issuance of said license, the applicant shall present himself
10 in person and have his photograph taken by the [bureau] LAND
11 TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO). All driver's licenses
12 issued shall be signed in the presence of the Director or his
13 deputies and shall bear, among others, the full name, date of
14 birth, height, weight, sex, color of eyes, blood type, complete
15 current address, [right hand thumbprint of the licensee,]
16 BIOMETRICS, license number, and its date of issue and
17 expiration.

18 In the issuance of licenses, the [Bureau] LTO shall use
19 such process or adopt such measure as will prevent any
20 alteration or falsification of a license or will enable the [Bureau]
21 LTO to detect any unauthorized license. THE LTO SHALL

1 ALSO STRIVE TOWARDS CREATING AN ONLINE
2 APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE RENEWAL OF
3 PROFESSIONAL AND NONPROFESSIONAL LICENSES.

4 Except for student permits and new licenses, all driver's
5 licenses shall be valid for [three] FIVE (5) consecutive years
6 reckoned from the birthdate of the licensee, unless sooner
7 revoked or suspended: Provided, however, That, subject to
8 Section twenty-six hereof, any holder of a professional or
9 nonprofessional driver's license who has not committed any
10 violation during the [three-year] FIVE-YEAR period shall be
11 entitled to a renewal of such license for [five-year period] TEN
12 YEARS.

13 LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs), THE
14 METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MMDA)
15 OR OTHER AGENCIES LAWFULLY ISSUING TRAFFIC
16 VIOLATION RECEIPTS SHALL REPORT WITHIN
17 TWENTY FOUR (24) HOURS FROM THE ISSUANCE OF
18 SUCH RECEIPT THE DETAILS OF THE TRAFFIC
19 VIOLATION TO THE LTO, WHICH SHALL SERVE AS
20 THE REPOSITORY OF ALL TRAFFIC VIOLATION
21 RECORDS.

1 **SECTION 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.***- The Secretary of the
2 Department of Transportation, shall, upon the recommendation of the Land
3 Transportation Office Assistant Secretary, promulgate not later than thirty (30)
4 days from the effectivity of this Act the necessary rules and regulations for its
5 effective implementation.

6 **SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, letters
7 of instructions, executive orders, rules, regulations, and other issuances or parts
8 thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
9 hereby revoked, repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

10 **SECTION 4. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
11 following the completion of its publication in two (2) newspapers of general
12 circulation.

Approved.