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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 62

Submitted by the Committee on Public Services on MAY 10 2017

Re : Senate Bill No. 1449

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 271, 941 and 1224

Sponsor : Senator Grace Poe

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Public Services to which was referred:

*Senate Bill No. 271*, introduced by **Senator Ralph G. Recto**, entitled:

“AN ACT  
EXTENDING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 23 OF REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 4136, AS AMENDED BY BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 398,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND  
TRAFFIC CODE”

*Senate Bill No. 941*, introduced by **Senator Richard J. Gordon**, entitled:

“AN ACT  
AMENDING SECTION 23 OF REPUBLIC ACT 4136, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE”

*Senate Bill No. 1224*, introduced by **Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito** and **Senator Joel Villanueva** entitled:

**“AN ACT**  
**EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF DRIVER’S LICENSE AND**  
**COMPULSORY REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES,**  
**AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136 ALSO**  
**KNOWN AS AN ACT TO COMPILE THE LAWS RELATIVE TO LAND**  
**TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC RULES, TO CREATE A LAND**  
**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,**  
**AS AMENDED BY BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 398**

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. 1449 prepared by the Committee entitled:

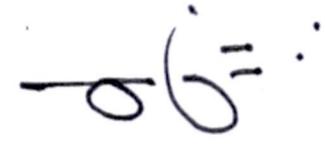
**“AN ACT**  
**EXTENDING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF DRIVER’S LICENSES,**  
**AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE SECTION 23 OF REPUBLIC ACT**  
**NO. 4136, AS AMENDED BY BATAS BLG. 398 AND EXECUTIVE**  
**ORDER NO, 1011, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND**  
**TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE”**

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 271, 941 and 1224, with Senators Recto, Gordon, Ejercito and Villanueva as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

  
**GRACE POE**  
Chairperson

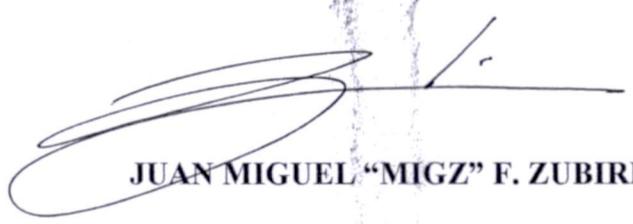
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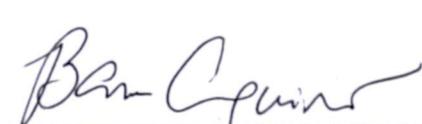
  
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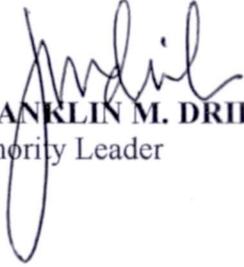
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*Will amend / in fulfillment*

  
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**AN ACT**

**EXTENDING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF DRIVER'S LICENSES,  
AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE SECTION 23 OF REPUBLIC ACT  
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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.*