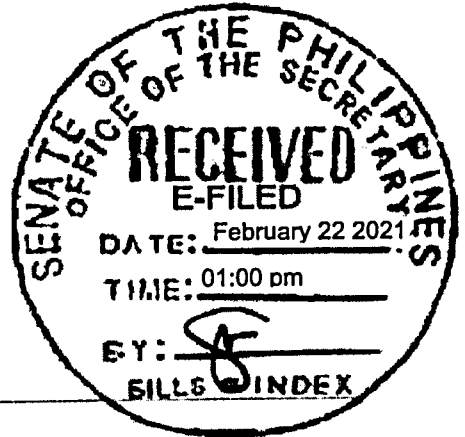


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is a signatory to the 2009 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines (BIMP) on Transit and Inter-State Transport of Goods. This MOU provides for various mechanisms and interventions for the promotion, development, and enhancement of trade and investment among the BIMP – East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) through the facilitation of inter-state transport of goods and goods in transit among the participating States. Specifically, Section 4.2.2 of this MOU declares that the operation of right and left hand-drive road vehicles be allowed, provided that special permit for such operation is obtained from the relevant Transit and Host Countries.

However, the current law, Republic Act No. 8506, provides that vehicles with right-hand steering wheel cannot be registered and operated in any private or public street, road or highway. Complete ban against the same is contrary to the free movement of goods and connectivity of the country's RO-RO connectivity with ASEAN countries. In view thereof, this bill seeks to amend the current law by allowing temporary admission of right hand-drive private road vehicles from ASEAN countries

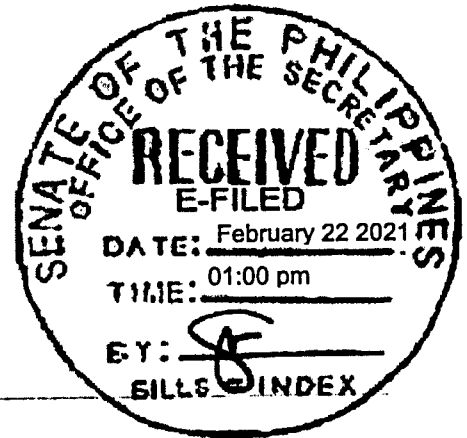
provided that a separate special motor vehicle operation permit for the vehicle and special license for the driver are issued by the Department of Transportation.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this bill is earnestly requested


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

1 **SECTION 1.** A new Section 2 of Republic Act No. 8506 is hereby inserted to
2 read as follows:

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4 **"SECTION 2. ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS**
5 **(ASEAN) – REGISTERED PRIVATE RIGHT HAND-DRIVE MOTOR**
6 **VEHICLES, INCLUDING TWO, THREE OR FOUR-WHEEL**
7 **MOTORCYCLES, OR MOTORCYCLES WITH SIDE CARS; TOURIST**
8 **VANS OR BUSES CARRYING TOURISTS FROM ANOTHER**
9 **COUNTRY; AND DELIVERY TRUCKS OR LORRIES CARRYING**
10 **GOODS FROM ANY ASEAN COUNTRY, MAY BE ALLOWED ENTRY**
11 **AND OPERATION IN ANY HIGHWAY, STREET OR ROAD,**
12 **WHETHER PRIVATE OR PUBLIC OR OF THE NATIONAL OR LOCAL**
13 **GOVERNMENT: PROVIDED, THAT A SEPARATE SPECIAL MOTOR**
14 **VEHICLE OPERATION PERMIT FOR THE VEHICLE AND SPECIAL**
15 **LICENSE FOR THE DRIVER ARE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF**

1 **TRANSPORTATION (DOTR), OR ANY PUBLIC OFFICE WITH DOTR**
2 **– DELEGATED AUTHORITY, EACH IN FAVOR OF THE MOTOR**
3 **VEHICLE AND THE DESIGNATED DRIVER AT THE PORT OF ENTRY**
4 **FOR A LIMITED DURATION AND SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS**
5 **SET FORTH BY THIS ACT.”**

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7 **SECTION 2.** A new Section 3 of Republic Act No. 8506 is hereby inserted to
8 read as follows:

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10 **“SECTION 3. AS A CONDITION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL**
11 **PERMIT AND LICENSE TO OPERATE RIGHT HAND-DRIVE MOTOR**
12 **VEHICLES WITHIN PHILIPPINE JURISDICTION, THE**
13 **DESIGNATED DRIVER SHALL PRESENT THE VEHICLE’S**
14 **CURRENT-YEAR ASEAN MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND**
15 **HIS OR HER DRIVER’S LICENSE ISSUED BY THE COUNTRY THAT**
16 **ISSUED HIS PASSPORT AT THE PORT OF ENTRY. SUCH**
17 **REGISTRATION AND LICENSE MUST BE VALID WITHIN THE**
18 **DURATION OF THE PERMIT AND LICENSE THAT MAY BE ISSUED**
19 **IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AND COMPLIANT WITH PHILIPPINE**
20 **LAND TRANSPORTATION LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS:**
21 **PROVIDED, THAT THE ASEAN COUNTRY OF REGISTRATION OF**
22 **THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXTENDS RECIPROCAL RIGHTS TO**
23 **PHILIPPINE-REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES: PROVIDED**
24 **FINALLY, THAT THE DESIGNATED DRIVER IS A NATIONAL OF A**
25 **COUNTRY THAT ACCORDS RECIPROCAL RIGHTS TO NATIONALS**
26 **OF THE PHILIPPINES.”**

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28 **SECTION 3.** New sections are hereby inserted to read as follows:

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30 **“SECTION 4. THE SPECIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION PERMIT**
31 **AND SPECIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE TO BE ISSUED SHALL HAVE A**
32 **VALIDITY OF NOT MORE THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE**

1 **DATE OF ENTRY IF THE PURPOSE IS TO FERRY TOURISTS, AND**
2 **NOT MORE THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ENTRY IF**
3 **THE PURPOSE IS TO DELIVER GOODS: PROVIDED, THAT NO**
4 **DELIVERY TRUCKS OR LORRIES CARRYING PASSENGERS SHALL**
5 **BE ALLOWED ENTRY OR OPERATION: PROVIDED FURTHER,**
6 **THAT THE ENTRY OF TOURIST VANS OR BUSES CARRYING**
7 **GOODS ONLY SHALL BE TREATED AS ENTRY FOR DELIVERY OF**
8 **GOODS: PROVIDED FINALLY, THAT THE COMMERCIAL**
9 **TRANSPORT OF GOODS OR PASSENGERS ORIGINATING FROM**
10 **ONE POINT AND ENDING IN ANOTHER POINT AND USING THE**
11 **SPECIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION PERMIT AND SPECIAL**
12 **DRIVER'S LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS ACT, BOTH OF WHICH**
13 **ARE WITHIN PHILIPPINE JURISDICTION, SHALL AT ALL TIMES**
14 **BE PROHIBITED."**

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16 **"SECTION 5. THE PORT OF ENTRY OF THE ASEAN-REGISTERED**
17 **RIGHT HAND-DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES SPECIALLY EXEMPTED**
18 **UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE RESTRICTED TO THE DECLARED**
19 **INTERNATIONAL PORTS IN MINDANAO AND PALAWAN, AND**
20 **SUCH OTHER INTERNATIONAL PORTS AS MAY LATER BE**
21 **RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION."**

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23 **"SECTION 6. UNLESS OTHERWISE EXEMPTED UNDER ANY**
24 **INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT OR CONVENTION AS WITH ASEAN**
25 **PASSPORT-HOLDERS, DRIVERS OF ASEAN-REGISTERED RIGHT**
26 **HAND-DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES SPECIALLY EXEMPTED UNDER**
27 **THIS ACT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PRESENT PHILIPPINE VISAS:**
28 **PROVIDED, THAT THEIR PASSPORTS SHALL AT ALL TIMES BE**
29 **VALID UNDER PHILIPPINE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS**
30 **WITHIN THE DURATION OF THEIR STAY IN THE COUNTRY."**

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32 **"SECTION 7. FOR THE SAFETY, CONVENIENCE, AND SECURITY**

1 **OF VISITORS AND PHILIPPINE RESIDENTS, THE PRIVILEGES**
2 **GRANTED UNDER THIS ACT SHALL AT ALL TIMES BE LIMITED BY**
3 **PHILIPPINE LAND TRANSPORTATION, CUSTOMS,**
4 **IMMIGRATION, QUARANTINE, SECURITY, AND OTHER**
5 **APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS.”**
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7 SECTION 4. Sections 2 and 3 of Republic Act No. 8506 are hereby renumbered
8 as Sections 8 and 9 to read as follows:

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10 “Section [2] **8.** The penalty of *prision correccional* in its medium period and
11 a fine of fifty thousand pesos (P50,000) shall be imposed upon any person
12 violating the provisions of this Act.”

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14 “Section [3] **9.** This Act shall take effect immediately after its complete
15 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers
16 of general circulation.”

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18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect immediately after its complete publication
19 in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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21 *Approved,*
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