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**AN ACT**  
**AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10591, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE**  
**"COMPREHENSIVE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION REGULATION ACT"**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

In May of 2022, Republic Act No. 11766, which I sponsored, was signed into law. The primary aim of this law was to amend Republic Act No. 10591, in such a way as to extend the validity of the License to Own and Possess Firearms to five (5) or ten (10) years, at the option of the licensee. At the same time, the validity of the Permit to Carry was extended to two (2) years. Ultimately, the amendment envisions a Philippines whose gun owners exercise utmost care and responsibility over their firearms. If validity periods are extended through the easing of processing and requirements, then our gun owners may be more efficient in the exercise of their responsibilities.

A few months after the passage of R.A. 11766 into law, it appears that we now find ourselves in a position of needing further amendments to R.A. 10591, ones that will streamline and unify even more the policies that constitute our country's "Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act."

Under the proposed measure, the Chief of the Philippine National Police shall be authorized to designate a representative to guarantee an efficient processing of

firearm license application. In addition, the bill seek to increase the allowable ammunition per firearm from fifty rounds to five hundred rounds exempting those licenses granted to antique firearm collectors. To streamline regulations, the validity period of licenses to manufacture and deal in firearms will be aligned with the duration of firearm registration and possession licenses..

In the spirit of unifying the principles and policies in order for us to have a Firearms and Ammunition Regulation that is truly comprehensive, I seek the swift passage of this bill into law.

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

1           Section 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 10591, as amended, is hereby amended  
2 to read as follows:

3           "Section 3. Definition of Terms – As used in this Act:

4           x x x

5           **(y)** *Permit to carry firearm outside of residence* refers to a written  
6 authority issued to a licensed citizen by the Chief of the PNP, **OR A**  
7 **DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE**, or by ~~[a PNP Regional~~  
8 **Director]** **THE CHIEF OF RCSU** which entitles such person to carry  
9 his/her registered or lawfully issued firearm outside of the residence for  
10 the duration and purpose specified in the authority.

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12          Sec. 2. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 10591 as amended, is hereby further  
13 amended to read as follows:

14          "SEC. 7. *Carrying of Firearms Outside of Residence or Place of Business.*

15          – A permit to carry firearms outside of residence shall be issued by the  
16 Chief of the PNP or the duly authorized representative **UPON**  
17 **APPLICATION [to]** by any [qualified] person **WHO IS QUALIFIED**

1           **TO OWN AND POSSESS A FIREARM OR FIREARMS AND**  
2           **AMMUNITION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THIS ACT** whose life is under  
3           actual threat or his/her life is in imminent danger due to the nature of  
4           his/her profession, occupation or business: *Provided*, That such permit  
5           shall be valid for two (2) years from the date of the approval of the  
6           application, unless sooner revoked or suspended.  
7           xxx".

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9           Sec. 3. Section 12 of Republic Act No. 10591, as amended, is hereby further  
10          amended to read as follows:

11           "SEC. 12. *License to Possess Ammunition Necessarily Included* -The  
12           ~~[licenses]~~ **LICENSE** granted to a ~~[qualified citizen[s]]~~ **LICENSE**  
13           **HOLDER** or juridical ~~[entities as provided in Section 9 of this Act shall~~  
14           ~~include the license to possess ammunition with a maximum of fifty (50)~~  
15           ~~rounds for each registered firearm. Provided, that the FEO of the PNP~~  
16           ~~may allow more ammunition to be possessed by licensed sports~~  
17           ~~shooters]~~ **ENTITY FOR THE OWNERSHIP AND POSSESSION OF**  
18           **REGISTERED FIREARMS NECESSARILY INCLUDES THE**  
19           **LICENSE TO POSSESS AMMUNITION APPROPRIATE TO THE**  
20           **REGISTERED FIREARM WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED FIVE**  
21           **HUNDRED (500) ROUNDS PER FIREARM: PROVIDED, THAT**  
22           **LICENSED SPORTS SHOOTERS MAY BE ALLOWED FIVE**  
23           **THOUSAND (5,000) ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION PER FIREARM**  
24           **AT ANY GIVEN TIME: PROVIDED, THAT, LICENSES GRANTED TO**  
25           **ANTIQUE FIREARM COLLECTORS ARE NOT COVERED BY THIS**  
26           **PROVISION."**

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28          Sec. 4. Section 13 of Republic Act No. 10591, as amended, is hereby amended  
29          to read as follows:

30           "SECTION. 13. - Issuance of License to Manufacture or Deal in Firearms  
31           and Ammunition. - Any person, **NATURAL OR JURIDICAL**, desiring to  
32           ~~[manufacture]~~ **ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF MANUFACTURING,**

1 ~~{deal}~~ **DEALING, SELLING OR DISTRIBUTING** ~~[in]~~ firearms, parts  
2 of firearms, or ammunition thereof ~~[, or instruments and implements~~  
3 ~~used or intended to be used in the manufacture of firearms or~~  
4 ~~ammunition]~~ **SHALL FIRST SECURE THE APPROPRIATE LICENSE**  
5 **FOR SUCH PURPOSE** ~~[, shall make an appointment]~~ to:

6 a) The Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local  
7 Government (DILG) in the case of an application for a license to  
8 manufacture; and

9 b) The Chief of the PNP in the case of a license to deal in  
10 firearms and firearms parts, ammunition and gun repair.

11 The applicant shall state the amount of capitalization for  
12 manufacture or cost of the purchase and sale of said articles intended  
13 to be transacted by such applicant; and the types of firearms,  
14 ammunition or PARTS [implements] which the applicant intends to  
15 manufacture or purchase and sell under the license applied for; and such  
16 additional information as may be especially requested by the Secretary  
17 of the DILG or the Chief of the PNP.

18 The Secretary of the DILG or the Chief of the PNP may approve  
19 or disapprove such application based on the prescribed guidelines. In  
20 the case of approval, the Secretary of the DILG or the Chief of the PNP  
21 shall indicate the amount of the bond to be executed by the applicant  
22 before the issuance of the license and the period of time by which said  
23 license shall be effective, unless sooner revoked by their authority.

24 **APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES MAY BE PROCESSED**  
25 **THROUGH A DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE BY**  
26 **PROVIDING: (A) A SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY IN THE CASE**  
27 **OF SOLE PROPRIETORSHIPS; (B) A PARTNERSHIP**  
28 **RESOLUTION IN THE CASE OF PARTNERSHIPS; AND (C) A**  
29 **BOARD RESOLUTION IN CASE OF CORPORATIONS.**

30 Upon approval of the license to manufacture or otherwise deal in  
31 firearms by the Secretary of the DILG or the Chief of the PNP as the case  
32 may be the same shall be transmitted to the FEO of the PNP which shall



1 issue the license in accordance with the approved terms and conditions,  
2 upon the execution and delivery by the applicant of the required bond  
3 conditioned upon the faithful compliance on the part of the licensee with  
4 the laws and regulations relative to the business licensed.

5 **THE LICENSE TO MANUFACTURE AND THE LICENSE TO**  
6 **DEAL SHALL BE VALID FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS.**

7 **IN APPROVING APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF THE**  
8 **LICENSE TO MANUFACTURE OR LICENSE TO DEAL, THE FEO**  
9 **MAY GRANT A LICENSE FOR A LONGER PERIOD IN INSTANCES**  
10 **INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:**

- 11 a) **MERITORIOUS CASES SUCH AS EXPANSION OF**  
12 **OPERATIONS BY AN EXISTING LICENSE HOLDER,**  
13 **NATURAL OR JURIDICAL, FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC; OR,**  
14 b) **WITH REGARD TO THE CAPABILITY OF THE**  
15 **APPLICANT IN TERMS OF FACTORS SUCH AS BUT NOT**  
16 **LIMITED TO CAPITALIZATION, EQUIPMENT AND**  
17 **NUMBER OF DEALERSHIP LOCATIONS.**

18 **THE GOVERNMENT ARSENAL CREATED UNDER REPUBLIC**  
19 **ACT NO. 1884 SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS**  
20 **UNDER SECTIONS 13 BUT MUST COMPLY WITH SECTIONS 14**  
21 **AND 15 OF THIS ACT AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO REPORTORIAL**  
22 **REQUIREMENTS AS REQUIRED BY THIS ACT."**

23 Sec. 5. Section 21 of Republic Act No. 10591 is hereby amended to read as  
24 follows:

25 "SECTION. 21. Acquisition or Purchase and Sale of Firearms and  
26 Ammunition. – Firearms and ammunition may only be acquired or  
27 purchased from authorized dealers, importers or local manufacturers  
28 and may be transferred or sold only from a licensed citizen or licensed  
29 juridical entity to another licensed citizen or licensed juridical entity.

30 [~~Provided, that,~~] During election periods, the sale [~~transfer~~] and  
31 registration of firearms, ammunition, **MAJOR PARTS AND**  
32 **COMPONENTS OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION AND MAJOR**

1           **PARTS** and the issuance of [~~the corresponding licenses to citizens~~]  
2           **LICENSES AND PERMITS TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR**  
3           **QUALIFIED JURIDICAL ENTITIES** shall be allowed [~~on the condition~~  
4           ~~that~~]: ***PROVIDED, THAT,*** the transport or delivery [~~thereof~~] **OF THE**  
5           **FIREARMS** shall strictly comply with the issuances, resolutions and  
6           regulations promulgated by the Commission on Elections, ***PROVIDED***  
7           ***FURTHER THAT, FIREARMS AND ITS PARTS SOLELY FOR***  
8           **EXPORT SHALL BE EXEMPTED FROM COMELEC AUTHORITY TO**  
9           **TRANSPORT:       *PROVIDED,       FURTHERMORE*THAT,**  
10          **TRANSPORTATION OF SUCH GOODS SHALL BE COVERED BY A**  
11          **PNP EXPORT PERMIT AND PERMIT TO TRANSPORT FIREARMS**  
12          **AND BE ACCOMPANIED BY POLICE ESCORT TO PORT/AIRPORT**  
13          **OF DEPARTURE FROM THE PHILIPPINES.**

14               **IN NO CASE WILL A COUNTRYWIDE PROHIBITION ON**  
15          **THE TRANSPORT OR DELIVERY OF FIREARMS BE IMPOSED**  
16          **OUTSIDE THE ELECTION PERIOD, UNLESS OTHERWISE**  
17          **APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT. "**

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19               Sec. 6. *Transitory Provision.* - Within six (6) months upon the effectivity of this  
20          Act, a licensed firearm holder prior to the effectivity of this Act who is no longer  
21          interested to continue possessing his/her licensed firearm may transfer the same to a  
22          license holder or licensed juridical entity subject to the provisions of this Act.

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24               Sec. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within thirty (30) days from the  
25          effectivity of this Act, the Department of Interior and Local Government and the  
26          Philippine National Police, shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the  
27          effective implementation of this Act.

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29               Sec. 8. *Separability Clause.* - If any portion of this Act be declared  
30          unconstitutional, the remainder of the Act or any provision not affected thereby shall  
31          remain in force and effect.

1           Sec. 9. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, ordinances, rules, regulations,  
2 other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby  
3 repealed or modified accordingly.

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5           Sec. 10. *Effectivity Clause.* -This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days  
6 from its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*