


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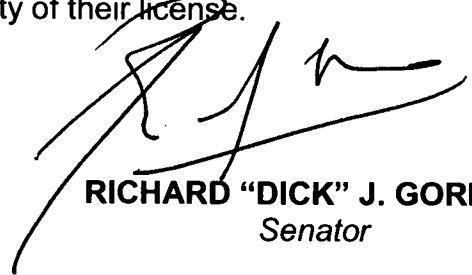
**AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 23 OF REPUBLIC ACT 4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

A driver's license is an official document authorizing an individual to drive a motorized vehicle in the Philippines. The Land Transportation Office (LTO) issues three types of driver's licenses: student permit, non-professional driver's license, and professional driver's license. Except for student permits, all driver's licenses are valid for five (5) consecutive years reckoned from the issuance by the LTO, and not birthdate of the licensee, unless sooner revoked or suspended.

To streamline the application process and make it more convenient for the public, this bill seeks to amend Section 23 of Republic Act 4136 otherwise known as the Land Transportation and Traffic Code by extending the validity of the licenses from three years to five (5) years as regular period for validity for new licenses and renewals thereof.

The 10-year period for validity is given as an incentive for disciplined driving among professional and nonprofessional drivers who have shown good behavior or have not committed any violation during the validity of their license.



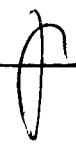
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

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SECTION 1. Section 23 of Republic Act 4136 is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 23. Issuance of Driver's License, Fees and Validity. – If, after such examination, the Director or his deputies find that the applicant possesses the necessary qualification and proficiency in the operation of motor vehicles, is able to read and write any of the official languages or a major dialect and knows how to read and interpret various traffic signs, signals and road markings, a professional or nonprofessional license may be issued to such applicant upon payment of the fee prescribed in accordance with law, but prior to the issuance of said license, the applicant shall present himself in person and have his photograph taken by the bureau. All driver's licenses issued shall be signed in the presence of the Director or his deputies and shall bear, among others, the full name, date of birth, height, weight, sex, color of eyes, blood type, complete current address, right hand thumbprint of the licensee, license number, and its date of issue and expiration.

In the issuance of licenses, the Bureau shall use such process or adopt such measure as will prevent any alteration or falsification of a license or will enable the Bureau to detect any unauthorized license.

Except for student permits [and new licenses], all driver's licenses shall be valid for [three] FIVE (5) consecutive years reckoned from the [birthdate of the licensee] DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THE DRIVER'S LICENSE, unless sooner revoked or suspended: Provided, however, That, subject to Section twenty-six hereof, any holder of a professional or nonprofessional

1 driver's license who has not committed any violation during the [three-
2 year] FIVE-YEAR period shall be entitled to a renewal of such license for
3 [five-year period] TEN YEARS.

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5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT (LGUs), THE METRO MANILA
6 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MMDA) OR OTHER AGENCIES
7 LAWFULLY ISSUING ORDINANCE VIOLATION RECEIPTS, TRAFFIC
8 VIOLATION RECEIPTS OR ANY OTHER VIOLATION TICKET SHALL
9 REPORT WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM ISSUANCE THE TRAFFIC
10 VIOLATION TO THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE, WHICH
11 SHALL SERVE AS THE REPOSITORY OF ALL TRAFFIC VIOLATION
12 RECORDS.

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14 **SEC. 2. Repealing Clause.** All laws or parts thereof, decrees, orders, rules and
15 regulations deemed inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or
16 modified accordingly.

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18 **SEC. 3. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this act is declared
19 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full
20 force and effect.

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22 **SEC. 4. Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect immediately following its
23 complete and full publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general
24 circulation.

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26 *Approved,*