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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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On June 20 1964, Republic Act No. 4136 entitled, "*An act to compile the laws relative to land transportation and traffic rules, to create a land transportation commission and for other purposes*" was approved. This law provides the system for mandatory registration and the application of licenses to operate motor vehicles and among others.

The dates for annual registration shall be once every three (3) years and shall be based on a registration scheme to be prepared by the Land Transportation Office. The scheme shall provide for a system that will distribute the registration of motor vehicles equitably over different months in a calendar year.

Included in the registration scheme of the Land and Transportation Office is the continuous facilitation of all applicants whether for renewal or new

registration. An investigation into the process of obtaining licenses from the Land Transportation Office (LTO) reveals that corruption and irregularities persist. Alongside with the issue on corruption and irregularities, the Government has to spend money in order to facilitate the registration processes.

This Bill seeks to extend the validity of driver's licenses from 3 years to 5 years with the primary purpose of reducing expenses of the Government for the annual registration facilitation of different license applications. By extending the validity of driver's license we will also lessen if not eliminate the existence of "Fixers" who serves as avenues for corruption and irregularities in obtaining licenses.

In view of the foregoing, passage of the bill is earnestly sought.



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

1 SECTION 1. Section 5 of Republic Act Four thousand One Hundred thirty Six  
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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4 " Section 5. Compulsory registration of motor vehicles. -  
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6 (a) All motor vehicles and trailer of any type used or operated on or  
7 upon any highway of the Philippines must be registered with the LAND  
8 TRANSPORTATION OFFICE [Bureau of land transportation] for the  
9 current year in accordance with the provisions of this act.  
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11 (b) The dates of [annual] registration, WHICH SHALL BE ONCE  
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4 OFFICE [Bureau of land transportation] subject to approval of the  
5 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION [Minister of transportation  
6 and communications]. The scheme shall provide for a system that will  
7 distribute the registration of motor vehicles equitably over different  
8 months in a calendar year. Said scheme and rates shall not be changed  
9 more often than once every three (3) years, and only upon due notice  
10 given to the public at least ninety (90) calendar days before the effectivity  
11 of such registration scheme.  
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13 Any registration of motor vehicles not renewed or before the date fixed  
14 by the bureau of land transportation shall become delinquent and  
15 invalid."  
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17 SEC. 2. Section 23 of Republic Act Four thousand One Hundred thirty Six is  
18 hereby amended to read as follows:  
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21 "Section 23. Issuance of driver's license, fees and validity. -  
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23 If, after such examination, the director or his deputies find that the  
24 applicant possesses the necessary qualification and proficiency in the  
25 operation of motor vehicles, is able to read and write any of the official  
26 languages or a major dialect and knows how to read and interpret  
27 various traffic signs, signals and road markings, a professional or  
28 nonprofessional license may be issued to such applicant upon payment  
29 of the fee prescribed in accordance with law, but prior to the issuance of  
30 said license, the applicant shall present himself in person and have his  
31 photograph taken by the **land transportation office** [bureau]. All driver's  
32 licenses issued shall be signed in the presence of the director or his  
33 deputies and shall bear, among others, the full name, date of birth, height,  
34 weight, sex, color of eyes, blood type, complete current address, right  
35 hand thumbprint of the licensee, license number, and its date of issue  
36 and expiration.  
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38 In the issuance of licenses, the **land transportation office** [bureau] shall  
39 use such process or adopt such measure as will prevent any alteration or  
40 falsification of a license or will enable the **land transportation office**  
41 [bureau] to detect any unauthorized license.  
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1 Except for student permits and new licenses, all driver's licenses shall be  
2 valid for **five (5)** [three] consecutive years reckoned from the birthdate of  
3 the licensee, unless sooner revoked or suspended: provided, however,  
4 that, subject to section twenty-six hereof, any holder of a professional or  
5 nonprofessional driver's license who has not committed any violation  
6 during the **five (5)-year** [three-year] period shall be entitled to a renewal  
7 of such license for five-year period."  
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10 **SEC. 3.** Section 32 of republic act four thousand one hundred thirty six is  
11 hereby amended to read as follows  
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13 "section 32. (a) Exceeding registered capacity, issuance of conductor's  
14 license, validity and fee. - no person operating any motor vehicle shall  
15 allow more passengers or more freight or cargo in his vehicle than its  
16 registered carrying capacity. In the case of public utility trucks or buses,  
17 the conductor shall be exclusively liable for the violations of this section  
18 or of section thirty-two, letter (c) hereof: provided, that the conductor  
19 before being employed by any public service operator shall get a permit  
20 or license from the **land transportation office** [bureau] and pay the fee  
21 prescribed in accordance with law, for said license or permit issued in his  
22 favor, which shall be valid for **five** [three] years, and the same is  
23 renewable on or before the last working day prior to or on his birthdate,  
24 attaching a readily recognizable photograph taken by the **land**  
25 **transportation office** [bureau] and after presentation of a medical  
26 certificate of fitness of applicant.  
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28 **SEC. 4. Implementing Rules** - The Land Transportation Office shall, within one  
29 (1) month from effectivity, issue the necessary implementing rules and  
30 regulation in executing the provision of this Act.  
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32 **SEC. 5. Separability Clause.** - If any portion or provision of this Act is declared  
33 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof not affected thereby  
34 shall remain valid and effective.  
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36 **SEC. 6. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees,  
37 presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent  
38 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.  
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40 **SEC. 7. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
41 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.  
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43 Approved,