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Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto

AN ACT

**FIXING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE LICENSE TO OWN AND POSSESS, PERMIT TO CARRY OUTSIDE OF RESIDENCE OR PLACE OF BUSINESS AND REGISTRATION OF FIREARMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 7 AND 19 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10591, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COMPREHENSIVE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION REGULATION ACT"**

The passage of Republic Act No. 10591 in 2013 brought forth a comprehensive law to regulate firearms in the country. It provides stricter guidelines on securing a gun license and sets limits to the number of firearms a person may own.

For 2014, records of the Philippine National Police Firearms and Explosives Office's (PNP-FEO) showed that there were over 1.7 million registered guns in the hands of around 833,000 individuals and entities<sup>1</sup> who have to renew their license to own and possess firearms (LTOPF), permit to carry firearms outside of residence or place of business (PTCFOR) and registration of firearms every two (2) years, one (1) year and four (4) years, respectively.

Although the PNP Firearms Explosives Security Group Section (FESAGS) already caters to applications for firearms license in its regional centers which make the process for license renewals accessible, efficiency dictates that there is a need to lessen contacts with government by providing for a standard period of validity of LTOPFs, PTCFORs and registration of firearms. While the PNP's initiatives to make the application process more efficient in the past four (4) years since R.A. No. 10591 was enacted is commendable, we recognize that the varying periods of validity of such license, permit and registration contribute to red tape.

It is in this light that this bill seeks to fix the period of validity of LTOPF and PTCFOR from two (2) years and one (1) year respectively to four (4) years by amending Sections 7 and 19 of R.A. 10591. The LTOPF and PTCFOR validity is intended to be aligned with the four-year validity of the registration of firearms, of which the reckoning point is the birthdate of the applicant or licensee.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

**RALPH G. RECTO**

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<sup>1</sup> Senate Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs (May 21, 2014). *Considering the review of RA 10591 otherwise known as the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition regulation Act*. Accessed at [https://janus.senate.gov/ph/go/http://vesta/legis/committee/Records/Public%20Order%20and%20Dangerous%20Drugs/16th%20Congress%20\(1st%20Regular%20Session\)/public\\_order\\_21May14.pdf](https://janus.senate.gov/ph/go/http://vesta/legis/committee/Records/Public%20Order%20and%20Dangerous%20Drugs/16th%20Congress%20(1st%20Regular%20Session)/public_order_21May14.pdf) on October 2, 2017.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 7 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10591 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 “SEC. 7. *Carrying of Firearms Outside of Residence or Place of*  
4 *Business.* – A permit to carry firearms shall be issued by the Chief of the  
5 PNP or his/her duly authorized representative to any qualified person whose  
6 life is under actual threat or his/her life is in imminent danger due to the  
7 nature of his/her profession, occupation or business. **PROVIDED, THAT**  
8 **SUCH PERMIT SHALL BE RENEWED EVERY FOUR (4) YEARS**  
9 **RECKONED FROM THE BIRTHDATE OF THE APPLICANT,**  
10 **UNLESS SOONER REVOKED OR SUSPENDED.**

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12 SEC. 2. Section 19 of R.A. No. 10591 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 “SEC. 19. *Renewal of Licenses and Registration.* – All types of  
14 licenses to possess a firearm shall be renewed every [two (2)] **FOUR (4)**  
15 years **RECKONED FROM THE BIRTHDATE OF THE LICENSEE,**  
16 **UNLESS SOONER REVOKED OR SUSPENDED.** Failure to renew the  
17 license on or before the date of its expiration shall cause the revocation of the  
18 license and of the registration of the firearm/s under said license.

19 The registration of firearm shall be renewed every four (4) years  
20 **RECKONED FROM THE BIRTHDATE OF THE LICENSEE.** Failure  
21 to renew the registration shall cause the holder of the firearm on or before the  
22 date of the expiration shall cause the revocation of the license of the firearm.  
23 The said firearm shall be confiscated or forfeited in favor of the government  
24 after due process.

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**SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within one hundred twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Chief of the PNP shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

**SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.*** – If any part, section or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, no other parts, sections or provisions hereof shall be affected thereby.

**SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, ordinances, rules, regulations, other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 6. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,