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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The need to conduct a compulsory registration of heavy equipment is long overdue. It is surprising that despite the compulsory registration of motor vehicles, no such registration for heavy equipment is required under existing laws, rules and regulations in the Philippine setting.

Aside from generating substantial income for the Government, the compulsory registration of heavy equipment could curb, if not totally eliminate, the practice of unscrupulous contractors who leave projects unfinished or after merely obtaining the initial mobilization fee for a particular infrastructure project they just completely disappear.

This proposed measure would also prevent the practice of leasing the same heavy equipment to two or more different contractors, working on different projects on the same dates but at different sites. Such practice causes the delay of most infrastructure and public works projects. It would further prevent any and all misrepresentation by the contractors with regards to ownership of heavy equipment thereby helping the Government Pre-Qualification, Bids and Awards Committee (PBAC) in the determination and compliance of pre-qualification requirements.

With the compulsory registration of heavy equipment, owners/lessors and lessees of heavy equipment will be properly identified and these unscrupulous contractors will be black-listed for good.

The immediate passage of this measure is necessary to achieve a rational registration scheme for heavy equipment and curtail the unscrupulous practices of contractors. Hence, its approval is imperative.

  
**JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA**  
Senator



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schedule shall not be changed more often than once every three (3) years and only upon due notice given to the public at least ninety (90) calendar days before the effectivity of such schedule.

**SEC. 3.      *Applicability.*** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 4136, as amended, pertaining to the compulsory registration of motor vehicles shall apply to the compulsory registration of heavy equipment when not in conflict with this Act.

**SEC. 4.      *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*