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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Issuance of permits and licenses form an indispensable part of the government functions in setting standards and supervision over public and private operations. Nevertheless, the administration of the issuances of permits and licenses are without nuances.

Among the thrusts of President Duterte's administration includes the cutting of the voluminous and unnecessary requirements that the Philippine bureaucracy imposes in the acquisition of licenses. The said unnecessary requisites prevent, impede and hinder a speedy process of documentation to the detriment of the citizens costing millions of forgone economic revenues and lost man hours. The setup operating on the issuance of professional and non-professional driver's license is no exception to this reality. Thus, to address and mitigate this dilemma, the extension of the validity of a driver's license from three (3) years to five (5) years is sought.

This Bill seeks to decongest the long queues present in the application of driver's license caused by the short period renewals. A longer validity of the said license would allow the Land Transportation Office to focus on the processing the requests of first time applicants. Thus, this removes the inefficiencies brought about by a more frequent application for renewals due to the shorter validity of license.

The extended validity of the driver's license may also prompt the businesses and entrepreneurs in the transportation sector to be more forward looking in the mitigation of government requirements for drivers. This can in turn boost the economy in preventing disturbances in the transport sector's day-to-day operations.

The approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT
PRESCRIBING THE EXTENSION OF THE VALIDITY OF THE
PROFESSIONAL AND NON-PROFESSIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSE TO FIVE
YEARS**

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

SECTION 1. It shall be the policy of the State to establish a system that promotes the ease of access to government services and efficient regulation to transportation in favor of the people.

SECTION 2. The validity of the Professional and Non-Professional Driver's License issued by the Land Transportation Office shall be extended to Five (5) Years.

SECTION 3. The Land Transportation Office of the Department of Transportation shall promulgate a specific programmed budget needed to cover the expenses for the implementation of this Act to make necessary budgetary adjustments to facilitate its smooth implementation.

SECTION 4. The Department of Transportation shall conduct continuing research and development on the efficient administration in the issuance of driver's license.

SECTION 5. Within 60 days upon the effectivity of this Act, the LTO, through the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, shall initiate the convening

of a Technical Working Group to promulgate the IRR of this Act with relevant stakeholders.

SECTION 6. The National Government shall appropriate such amount, as may be necessary to carry out the objectives of this Act.

SECTION 7. The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act for the year following the approval of this Act.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,