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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In President Rodrigo R. Duterte's inaugural State of the Nation Address, he urged the Congress to extend the validity of the driver's licenses issued by the Philippine government.

This proposed measure is in support of the President's call.

This measure seeks the reduction in the long queues in the offices of the Land Transportation Office (LTO). This perennial problem has plagued the country for years. More recently, the LTO has suffered from a backlog in the issuance of license plates and driver's licenses. In the long term, this will help the LTO in the timely issuance of licenses for drivers. This will result in less frequent renewal of licenses thus reducing the volume of transactions of the said agency.

This will also help alleviate the suffering experienced by our fellowmen who usually have to spend at least a day in the application or renewal of licenses. This is valuable time which could have otherwise been used productively at work. To this end, the extension of the licenses will benefit not only those working in the transport sector but the working public as well.

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


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**AN ACT AMENDING R.A. 4136, AS AMENDED BY BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 398,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE**

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

SECTION 1. *Section 23 of R.A. 4136 is hereby amended to read 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 FIVE consecutive years reckoned from the birthdate of the licensee, unless sooner revoked or suspended: Provided, however, That, subject to Section twenty-six hereof, any holder of a professional or nonprofessional driver's license who has not committed any violation during the three-year period shall be entitled to a renewal of such license for five-year period.

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

Approved,