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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In 1964, Republic Act No. 4136, otherwise known as the Land Transportation and Traffic Code was enacted. Under said law, it was provided that the validity of the driver's license was set to be at three (3) consecutive years from the birthdate of the licensee – unless sooner revoked or suspended.

Subsequently, in 2017, said law was amended to extend the validity of the driver's license, except for student's permits to five (5) years from the birthdate of the licensee by Republic Act No. 10930. Said law was amended as a measure to lessen the irregularities and the inconsistencies that come with the renewal of the driver's license.

This bill seeks to further lengthen the validity of the driver's license to ten (10) years from the birthdate of the licensee in an effort to completely eradicate corrupt practices that are exercised in the process of driver's license renewal. Furthermore, this will make the renewal of the driver's license easier and more efficient for those seeking for renewal as the process shall be required to be done less frequently.

As such, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE FROM FIVE (5) TO TEN (10) YEARS, THEREBY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 23 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, AS AMENDED BY BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 398 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1011, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE"

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known and cited as the "10-Year Driver's License Validity Act."

SECTION 2. Section 23, last paragraph of Republic Act No. 4136, otherwise known as the "Land Transportation and Traffic Code", as amended by Batas Pambansa No. 398, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 23. Issuance of driver's license, fees and validity – xxxx

Except for student permits and new licenses, all driver's licenses shall be valid for <u>TEN (10)</u> <u>CONSECUTIVE YEARS</u> reckoned from the birthdate of the licensee, unless sooner revoked or suspended.

SECTION 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The Secretary of Transportation, upon the recommendation of the Land Transportation Office Assistant Secretary, shall, within sixty (60) days from effectivity of this Act, promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act are hereby repealed or modified.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.