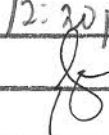


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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to extend the validity period of driver's licenses to five years.

Under existing regulations, professional and nonprofessional licenses are valid, unless revoked for commitment of certain violations, for three consecutive years reckoned from the birthdate of the licensee.

Over the past years, however, the release of driver's licenses has been plagued by delays, which should not be the case as the license is a common wallet-size card whose printing and data embedding are not a technically-complex enterprise.

Yet, shortages have bedeviled the supply of Philippine-issued driver's licenses, with the backlog in the millions, and the waiting time in years.

By one estimate, majority of drivers on the road today use payment receipts as licenses, a situation which portrays another sad fact: that the licenses have been fully paid for and yet the government has reneged on its obligation to provide them on time.

But greater and beyond the issue of supply is the license's relatively short validity period of three years which is below the norm in other countries where it is valid for at least five years.

This bill raises the effective period of local licenses to five years. By doing so it lowers the costs and the hardship in renewing them as a longer effectivity means fewer trips to the LTO office and other offices like drug-testing centers where a clearance must be secured.

The extension, however, does not cover student permits. The licenses can also be revoked if such is the penalty prescribed for motor vehicle use infractions.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF ALL DRIVER'S LICENSES AND FOR**  
**OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1       **SECTION 1.** Section 23 of Republic Act Number Forty-one Hundred and Thirty-six  
2 otherwise known as the Land transportation and Traffic Code, as amended, is hereby further  
3 amended to read as follows:

4               “Sec 23. Issuance of driver’s license, fees and validity. – If, after such  
5 examination the Director or his deputies find that the applicant possesses  
6 the necessary qualification and proficiency in the operation of motor  
7 vehicles, is able to read and write any of the official languages or a major  
8 dialect and knows how to read and interpret various traffic signs, signals  
9 and road markings, a professional or nonprofessional license may be  
10 issued to such applicant upon payment of the fee prescribed in accordance  
11 with law, but prior to the issuance of said license, the applicant shall  
12 present himself in person and have his photograph taken by the bureau.  
13 All driver’s licenses issued shall be signed in the presence of the Director  
14 or his deputies and shall bear, among others, the full name, date of birth,  
15 height, weight, sex, color of eyes, blood type, complete current address,  
16 right hand thumbprint of the licensee, license number, and its date of issue  
17 and expiration.

18               “In the issuance of licenses, the Bureau shall use such process or adopt  
19 such measure as will prevent any alteration or falsification of a license or  
20 will enable the Bureau to detect any unauthorized license.

21               “Except for student permits and new licenses, all driver’s licenses shall be  
22 valid for [three (3)] **FIVE (5)** consecutive years reckoned from the  
23 birthdate of the licensee, unless sooner revoked or suspended, **AND**  
24 **RENEWABLE EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS THEREAFTER.**  
25 [Provided, however, That, subject to Section twenty-six hereof, any holder  
26 of a professional or nonprofessional driver’s license who has not  
27 committed any violation during the three (3) year period shall be entitled  
28 to a renewal of such license for five-year period.]

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2           **SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Secretary of the Department of  
3 Transportation, shall, upon the recommendation of the Land Transportation Office Assistant  
4 Secretary, promulgate not later than thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act the necessary  
5 rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

6           **SEC. 3 *Repealing Clause.*** All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, issuances,  
7 rules and regulations contrary or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby likewise  
8 repealed or modified accordingly.

9           **SEC. 4. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) after its complete publication  
10 either in the *Official Gazette*, or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

11           *Approved,*