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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 10591, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act provided for a legal framework to regulate the possession of firearms and ammunition in the country. It laid out a set of guidelines on acquiring a gun license and has expressly stated the acceptable number of firearms an individual may own.

Currently, gun owners have to renew their license to own and possess firearms (LTOPF), permit to carry firearms outside of residence or place of business (PTCFOR), and registration of firearms every two (2) years, one (1) year, and four (4) years, respectively. While the PNP Firearms Explosives Security Group Section (FESAGS) provides for the application for firearms license in its regional centers, the varying periods in applying for permits speaks of inefficiency and bureaucratic red tape, thus this proposed measure seeks to impose a uniform duration for each of the aforementioned license and permits.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

FIXING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE LICENSE TO OWN AND POSSESS, PERMIT TO CARRY OUTSIDE OF RESIDENCE OR PLACE OF BUSINESS AND REGISTRATION OF FIREARMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 7 AND 19 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10591, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COMPREHENSIVE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION REGULATION ACT"

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 7 of Republic Act No. 10591 or the Comprehensive Firearms
2 and Ammunition Regulation Act is hereby amended to read as follows:
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4 “SEC.7. *Carrying Firearms Outside of Residence or Place of Business.* – A permit to
5 carry firearms shall be issued by the Chief of the PNP or his/her duly authorized
6 representative to any qualified person whose life is under actual threat or his/her life is
7 in imminent danger due to the nature of his/her profession, occupation or business.
8 **PROVIDED, THAT SUCH PERMIT SHALL BE RENEWED EVERY FIVE (5)**
9 **YEARS RECKONED FROM THE BIRTHDATE OF THE APPLICANT,**
10 **UNLESS SOONER REVOKED OR SUSPENDED.”**
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12 **SECTION 2.** Section 19 of Republic Act No. 10591 is hereby amended to read as
13 follows:
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15 “SEC. 19. *Renewal of Licenses and Registration.* – All types of licenses to possess a
16 firearm shall be renewed every [two (2)] **FIVE (5) years RECKONED FROM THE**
17 **BIRTHDATE OF THE LICENSEE, UNLESS SOONER REVOKED OR**
18 **SUSPENDED.** Failure to renew the license on or before the date of its expiration
19 shall cause the revocation of the license and of the registration of the firearm/s under
20 said licensee.”
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22 The registration of the firearm shall be renewed every [four (4)] **FIVE (5) years**
23 **RECKONED FROM THE BIRTHDATE OF THE LICENSE.** Failure to renew
24 the registration of the firearm on or before the date of expiration shall cause the
25 revocation of the license of the firearm. The said firearm shall be confiscated or
26 forfeited in favor of the government after due process.
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1 The failure to renew a license or registration within the periods stated above on two
2 (2) occasions shall cause the holder of the firearm to be perpetually disqualified from
3 applying for any firearm license. The application for the renewal of the license or
4 registration may be submitted to the FEO of the PNP, within six (6) months before the
5 date of the expiration of such license or registration.”
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7 **SECTION 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations*** – Within one hundred twenty
8 (120) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Chief of the Philippine National Police shall
9 formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
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11 **SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders or parts thereof
12 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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14 **SECTION 5. *Separability Clause*** – If any part or provision of this Act is declared
15 invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts not otherwise affected shall remain in full effect
16 and force.
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18 **SECTION 6. *Effectivity*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
19 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,