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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 10591 of 2013 establishes a comprehensive framework for the regulation firearm registry and ownership. However, its implementation remains inconsistent and challenging.

Last year, the Philippine National Police Firearms and Explosives Office's records indicate (PNP-FEO) that over 1.8 million registered guns owned by 1.16 million individuals and entities' due to renew their licenses (LTOPF), permits to carry firearms outside of residence or place of business (PTCFOR) and registrations of firearms. While the PNP has endeavored to make the application process simpler and more efficient, the dissonant terms of license and permit validity, the expense and inaccessibility of testing centers to the greater rural populace, and the mixed public reception to "Oplan Katok" and other PNP illegal firearms measures have rendered these efforts inutile.

With the end of finally registering the alleged 70% illegal firearms, this bill seeks to align the periods of validity of LTOPF permits and firearms licenses from two (2)

years and one (1) year respectively, to five (5) years unless sooner suspended or revoked, by amending Sections 4, 7 and 19 of R.A. 10591.

Given the urgency and importance of these issues to public safety, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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

Section 1. Section 4 of R.A. No. 10591 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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"Section 4. Standards and Requisites for Issuance of and Obtaining a License to Own and Possess Firearms. — In order to qualify and acquire a license to own and possess a firearm or firearms and ammunition, the applicant must be a Filipino citizen, at least twenty-one (21) years old and has gainful work, occupation or business or has filed an Income Tax Return (ITR) for the preceding year as proof of income, profession, business or occupation. FURTHER, NO DEROGATORY REPORTS FROM BARANGAY, INVESTIGATIVE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT BODIES REGARDING VIOLENT BEHAVIOR, MENTAL ILLNESS, DRUG AND

SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND SUCH OTHER UNDESIRABLE CONDUCT OF THE APPLICANT ARE FOUND.

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- In addition, the applicant shall submit the following certification issued by appropriate authorities attesting the following:
- (a) The applicant has not been convicted of any crime involving moral
 turpitude;
- 8 (b) The applicant has passed the psychiatric test administered by a PNP-9 accredited psychologist or psychiatrist;
- 10 (C) THE APPLICANT HAS PASSED THE EYE EXAM, NERVE MOTOR
 11 COORDINATION TEST AND SUCH OTHER RELEVANT PHYSICAL
 12 TESTS AS MAY BE DETERMINED ESSENTIAL TO THE CAPACITY TO
 13 USE A FIREARM.
- [(c)] **(D)** The applicant has passed the drug test conducted by an accredited and authorized drug testing laboratory or clinic;
- [(d)] **(E)** The applicant has passed a gun safety seminar which is administered by the PNP or a registered and authorized gun club;
- [(e)] **(F)** The applicant has filed in writing the application to possess a registered firearm which shall state the personal circumstances of the applicant;
- [(f)] (G) The applicant must present a police clearance from the city or municipality police office; and
- [(g)] **(H)** The applicant has not been convicted or is currently an accused in a pending criminal case before any court of law for a crime that is punishable with a penalty of more than two (2) years.
- For purposes of this Act, an acquittal or permanent dismissal of a criminal case before the courts of law [shall] MAY qualify the accused thereof to qualify and acquire a license[.], PROVIDED, THAT, HE/SHE SUBMITS

 HIMSELF/HERSLEF AGAIN TO THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER (B),
- 30 (C), (D) AND (G) ESTABLISHED ABOVE FOR THE ORIGINAL
 31 APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.

1	The applicant shall pay the reasonable licensing fees as may be provided in
2	the implementing rules and regulations of this Act.
3	An applicant who intends to possess a firearm owned by a juridical entity
4	shall submit his/her duty detail order to the FEO of the PNP."
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6	SEC.2. A new section is hereby inserted to read as follows:
7	SECTION 5. ONLINE PRE-QUALIFICATION AN ONLINE PRE-
8	QUALIFICATION FACILITY SHALL BE PROVIDED IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE
9	THE FIREARM APPLICATION PROCESS, ALLOWING NBI CLERANCES,
10	BARANGAY RESIDENCE PERMITS, DRUG AND MEDICAL TEST RESULTS, AND
11	OTHER REQUIREMENTS, TO BE UPLOADED FOR LATER ACTUAL
12	PRESENTATION.
13	SECTIONS 6- 20 OF R.A. NO. 10591 ARE HEREBY RENUMBERED
14	ACCORDINGLY.
15	SEC.3. Section 7 of R.A. 10591 is hereby amended to read as follows:
16	Section 7. Carrying of Firearms Outside of Residence or Place of
17	Business A permit to carry firearms outside of residence shall be issued
18	by the Chief of the PNP or his/her duly authorized representative to any
19	qualified person whose life is under actual threat or his/her life is in
20	imminent danger due to the nature of his/her profession, occupation or
21	business. PROVIDED, THAT, SUCH PERMIT BE RENEWED EVERY (5)
22	YEARS, UNLESS SOONER SUSPENDED OR REVOKED.
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24	SEC. 4. Section 19 of R.A. 10591 is hereby amended to read as follows:
25	"Section 19. Renewal of Licenses and Registration All types of
26	licenses to possess a firearm shall be renewed every [two (2)] FIVE
27	(5) years. Failure to renew the license on or before the date of its
28	expiration shall cause the revocation of the license and of the
29	registration of the firearm/s under said licensee.

The registration of the firearm shall be renewed every [four (4)] **FIVE (5)** years. Failure to renew the registration of the firearm on or before the date of expiration shall cause the revocation of the license of the firearm. The said firearm shall be confiscated or forfeited in favor of the government after due process.

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SEC. 5. A new section is hereby inserted to read as follows:

SECTION 20. REVOCATION AND LOSS OF LICENSES. - A HOLDER OF A LICENSE OR REGISTRATION MAY, BEFORE THE FIVE (5) -YEAR EXPIRATION OF HIS/HER LICENSE, TEMPORARILY LOSE SUCH AUTHORITY TO OWN A FIREARM IF REPORTS OF ABUSIVE OR VIOLENT BEHAVIOR, EYE, NERVE OR OTHER PHYSICAL HANDICAP, MENTAL ILLNESS, DRUG AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND SUCH OTHER CONDUCT MAY CONTRAVENE THE STANDARDS AND REQUISITES FOR OWNING A FIREARM ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 4 OF R.A. NO. 10591.

SHOULD A PHYSICIAN'S REPORT CONFIRM PHYISCAL OR MENTAL ILL-HEALTH, OR OFFICIAL LAW ENFORCERS' REPORTS OF ABUSIVE OR VIOLENT BEHAVIOR OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRESS INTO A COURT CASE, SAID HOLDER'S LICENSE SHALL BE REVOKED.

AN ACQUITTAL OR PERMANENT DISMISSAL OF A CRIMINAL CASE MAY QUALIFY THE ACCUSED TO REACQUIRE HIS/HER LICENSE, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS STIPULATED IN SECTION 4 OF R.A. NO. 10591.

SECTIONS 21- 47 OF R.A. NO. 10591 ARE HEREBY RENUMBERED ACCORDINGLY.

SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this act, the chief of the Philippine National Police (PNP), after public hearings and consultation with concerned sectors of society shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this act to be published in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

- SEC. 7. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act or any part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.
- SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
- SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in a newspaper of nationwide circulation.

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