

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Thirteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2108



Introduced by Honorable Antonio V. Cuenco

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 6539 otherwise known as the Anti-Carnapping Act of 1972, by doing away with the requirement of securing a clearance from the Philippine Constabulary (now Philippine National Police) before transporting a motor vehicle, motor engine, engine block, chassis, or body, from one island to another.

Republic Act No. 6539 enacted on August 26, 1972, was aimed primarily to solve the rampant thievery of cars and other vehicles to the detriment of the operators and vehicle owners. To avoid detection, the *modus operandi* of the carnappers was either to repaint the vehicle or some of its important components or change the registration plate or transport the vehicle or important components thereof from one island to another.

With the enactment of the law, carnapping was effectively minimized. With the passage of time, however, coupled with bureaucratic delays, the matter of securing clearance from the Philippine National Police proved to be impractical and time-consuming. It is a great inconvenience to the vehicle owner who has to wait for quite a time before he can transport his vehicle.

With this bill, all the owner has to do is to show proof of ownership of the vehicle or some of its important components such as the registration certificate and the official receipt thereof to the appropriate officials to be allowed to transport the vehicle from one island to another. The owners or operators of inter-island vessels or water transportation are then only required to submit a report to the Philippine National Police of the vehicles or their component parts transported. This is to enable the PNP to keep track of the vehicles or the component parts transported from one island to another. No prior clearance from the PNP will be needed.

Hence, approval of this bill is sincerely requested.


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PROVIDING THAT ONLY PROOF OF OWNERSHIP SHALL BE REQUIRED IN SHIPPING ANY MOTOR VEHICLE, MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINE, ENGINE BLOCK, CHASSIS, OR BODY FROM ONE ISLAND TO ANOTHER, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-CARNAPPING ACT OF 1972".

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

SECTION 1. Section 11 of Republic Act No 6539, otherwise known as the "Anti-Carnapping Act of 1972" is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC 11. *[Clearance Request for Shipment]* **SHIPMENT of Motor Vehicles Motor Vehicle Engines, Engine Blocks, Chassis or Bodies. -- ONLY PROOF OF OWNERSHIP SHALL BE REQUIRED IN SHIPPING ANY MOTOR VEHICLE, MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINE, ENGINE BLOCK, CHASSIS, OR BODY FROM ONE ISLAND TO ANOTHER. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, PROOF OF OWNERSHIP INCLUDE BUT NOT IS NOT LIMITED TO REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE AND OFFICIAL RECEIPT.**

"Any person who owns or operates inter-island shipping or any water transportation with launches, boats, vessels or ships, shall, within seven days submit a report to the [Philippine



Constabulary] PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE on all motor vehicles, motor vehicle engines, engine blocks, chassis or bodies transported by it, ATTACHING THERETO A COPY OF PROOF OF OWNERSHIP. [for the motor vehicle, motor vehicle engine, engine block, chassis, or body to be loaded on board the launch, boat, vessel, or ship.]”

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive letter 'B' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.