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Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 924

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PEDRO P. ROMUALDO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill is one of the outputs of the public hearings of the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability during the 14th Congress as part of our commitment to introduce remedial measures.

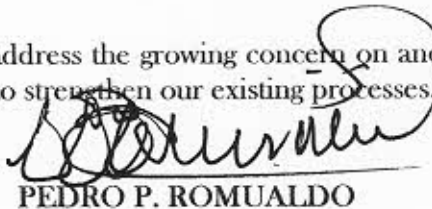
During the Committee hearings, it was established that the occurrence of technical and outright smuggling of imported motor vehicles remain unabated despite the existence of Executive Order No. 156 "prohibiting the importation of imported motor vehicles".

The Bureau of Customs admitted that smuggled motor vehicle entered not only in the ports in Region VII but also in various ports in the country and that the perpetrators were able to register these vehicles with the Land Transportation District Offices.

The Committee discovered that LTO - Toledo City District Office, Province of Cebu from a zero registration of motor vehicles, it suddenly reached a total of 2,365 registrations in 2007. This figure was consistent with the report of the Presidential Anti-Smuggling Group (PASG) that out of eighty-one percent (81%) of these vehicles are of questionable import and registration documents. Thirty percent (30%) were registered with LTO - Toledo City. The Committee on Good Government arrived to the conclusion that irregular and anomalous registration of motor vehicles takes place due to inadequate laws that will respond to advancing methodology in registration processes.

It was determined that there was an urgent need to amend an antiquated law governing the registration of motor vehicles which is Republic Act No. 4136, also known as the "Land Transportation and Traffic Code".

The approval of this bill is earnestly sought to address the growing concern on anomalous and irregular registration of motor vehicles and to strengthen our existing processes.



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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Inserting a new sub-section in Section 7, Article 1, Chapter II of the Republic Act No. 4136, and correspondingly re-numbering the subsequent sub-section, to read, as follows:

“SEC. 7. Registration Classification. – Every motor vehicle shall be registered under one of the following described classifications:

“(a) xxx

“(Q) IMPORTED VEHICLES, NOT PROHIBITED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 156, MAY BE REGISTERED WITH THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE WHEN ACCOMPANIED WITH APPROPRIATE IMPORT DOCUMENTATION AND PROOF OF PAYMENT OF TAXES AND DUTIES;

(q) (R) Special. xxx”

SEC. 2. Section 14, Article III of Republic Act No. 4136, is hereby amended, to read as follows:

“Section 14. Issuance of certificates of registration. – A properly numbered certificate of registration shall be issued for each separate motor vehicle after due inspection and payment of registration fees, PROVIDED, THAT IN CASE OF IMPORTED MOTOR VEHICLES, THE CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENTS SHALL BE

DULY ANNOTATED IN THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION TO BE ISSUED BY THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE."

SEC. 3. Inserting a new subsection of Section 17, Article III of Republic Act No. 4136 to read as follows:

"Section 17, Number plates, preparation and issuance of. -

"x x x

"(C) PLATE RELEASES SHALL BE ISSUED BY THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICE WHERE THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS ORIGINALLY REGISTERED AND THAT THE PLATE SHALL INDICATE, IN ITS FACE, THE PLACE OF REGISTRATION."

SEC. 4. Separability. - If any of the sections or provisions of this Act is held invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall valid.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. - Any law, presidential decree or issuance or executive order or rules contrary to, or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,