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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Registration of motor vehicles is an important measure of the government to regulate, identify and manage operators in order to ensure the safety and security in transportation. It includes the process of issuance of license plates and stickers which the registrant-owners must pay for. This state regulation is a reasonable burden to those who want to use the road either for personal travel or business alike. But in order to prevent any unnecessary fee and therefore ease this burden of the people, this bill seeks that only one sticker must be issued every year starting from the motor vehicle's initial registration and to subsequent renewals of registration thereafter. With this in mind, tis also cuts the expenses the government has to incur with the printing of other unnecessary stickers or tags.


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“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT NUMBER PLATES, AND ONLY STICKERS INDICATING THE YEARS OF THE REGISTRATION AND OF THE RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILERS, TO THE EXCLUSION OF ANY OTHER STICKER OR TAG, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 43, AS AMENDED”

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

SECTION 1. Section one of Batas Pambansa Blg. 43, otherwise known as “An Act Providing for the Issuance of Permanent Number Plates to Owners of Motor Vehicles and Trailers, amending for the purpose Section Seventeen of Republic Act Numbered Forty-One Hundred and Thirty Six (Land Transportation and Traffic Code)”, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 17. Number plates, preparation and issuance of. “One Sticker Only” policy. —

a.) The Land Transportation Office shall cause reflective number plates to be prepared and issued to owners of motor vehicles and trailers registered and recorded in the Land Transportation Office under this Act, as amended, for a reasonable fee: Provided, That the fee shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Transportation and Communications in consultation with the Secretary of Finance, and, Provided, further, That the identification, numbers and letters of any motor vehicle number plate shall be permanently assigned to such motor vehicle during its lifetime. No motor vehicles shall be exempted from payment of registration fees. Motor vehicles for hire and privately owned motor vehicles shall bear plates of reflective materials so designed and painted with different colors to distinguish one class from another.

b.) “One Sticker Only” Policy. - For purposes of the initial registration as well as the subsequent renewals of registration of motor vehicles, the Director or his Deputies shall issue only a sticker indicating the year of each registry, to the exclusion of any other form of sticker or tag, charging a reasonable fee for the purpose: Provided,

That the fee shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Transportation and Communications in consultation with the Secretary of Finance."

"The transfer of motor vehicle plates whether temporary or regular, and/or the sticker indicating the year of registry from one motor vehicle to another without permit from the Land Transportation Office, except security number plates on authorized vehicles, shall be punishable with a fine of not less than Forty Thousand Pesos (P40,000.00) and/or imprisonment of six months at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 2. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of other provisions thereof.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders and issuances or portions thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of the Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette, and in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,