

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



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HOUSE BILL NO. 4870

Introduced by **Representative WESLIE T. GATCHALIAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Batas Pambansa Blg. 43, as amended provides for the permanent issuance of number plates to all motor vehicles during its lifetime.

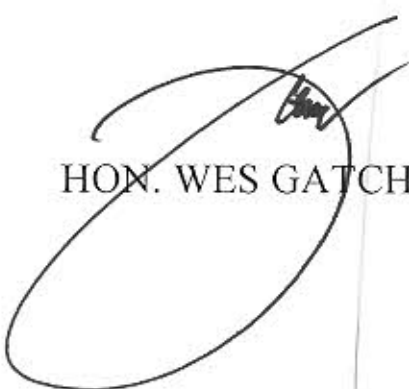
However, the Land Transportation Office in many instances and for laudable and worthy grounds allowed the use of commemorative plates, yet it cannot be discounted that some if not all are used by unscrupulous individuals to escape violations of law.

Commemorative plates are being used widely nowadays, some bears the name of government agencies such as PNP, CIDG, AFP, DOJ, others use government position such as PROSECUTOR, COUNCILOR, KAGAWAD AND LAWYER which clearly suggest that these vehicles are owned by some influential person whom an ordinary traffic or law enforcer would refuse to apprehend in case of violations of law or even the Unified Vehicular Volume Reduction of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority.

While it is true that the Land Transportation Office had already issued memorandum recalling the use of commemorative plates, such recall would be more meaningful and forceful if it will be accompanied by a legislative act specially because that the Land Transportation Office is now issuing new number plates under the agency's Motor Vehicle Plates Standardization Program which states that all plates shall be uniform and designed according to international standards.

This bill therefore seeks to prohibit the use, manufacturing, and selling of commemorative plates.

The approval of this bill is earnestly requested.



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HOUSE BILL NO. 4879

Introduced by Representative WESLIE T. GATCHALIAN

AN ACT
PROHIBITING THE USE OF COMMEMORATIVE PLATES AND
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL USE THEREOF.

Section 1. The use of commemorative plates is hereby prohibited subject to the provision of this Act.

Section 2. Definition - Commemorative Plates refers to an issued plate for cars and motorcycles commemorating historical events, legitimate organizations, and other occasions issued for a limited period and installed at the front portion of the car or motorcycle in lieu of the official licensed plates such as, but not limited to the following:

- a. Those that bear the name of organizations, names of places commemorating historical events;
- b. Those that bear the name or seal of any agency of the government;
- c. Those that bear any government position, profession.

Section 3. Issuance, sale, use, and manufacturing of Commemorative plates is hereby declared illegal

Section 4. Any person selling, manufacturing or using a commemorative plates shall be subject to imprisonment of not less than six (6) months or a fine of not less than One Hundred Thousand (Php 100,000.00) Pesos or both.

Section 5. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS - Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Land Transportation Office shall adopt and issue the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 6. EFFECTIVITY - This Act shall take effect upon its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,