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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
H.B. No. **4627**



Introduced by Representative Rolando G. Andaya Jr.

AN ACT
EXTENDING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE FROM
THREE (3) TO FIVE (5) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 23
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, AS AMENDED BY BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 398,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE

Explanatory Note

The 2015 Anti-red tape Act (ARTA) survey, conducted by the Civil Service Commission (CSC), ranked the Land Transportation Office as one of the worst agencies in doing away with bureaucratic red-tape¹. Moreover, the survey consistently ranked LTO from 2013 to 2015 as having the highest number of complaints. These complaints include the increasing presence of “fixers” which hinders the efficient delivery of frontline services and lengthens the administrative process of obtaining license cards and number plates. Recently, the LTO has faced backlash over its apparent lack of capacity to issue driver's license cards in a reasonable amount of time. Currently, the LTO issues paper receipts in lieu of driver's license plastic cards.

In order to streamline the application process and make it more convenient for the public, the Department of Transportation (DTr) issued Administrative Order No. 2016-34 which extended the validity of driver's license from three (3) to five (5) years beginning October 2016. This will minimize the frequency of the public's transaction with the LTO which will significantly reduce red-tape within the agency. This bill specifically aims to translate the Administrative Order into Law by amending Section 23 of Republic Act no. 4136 which will **permanently** extend the validity of driver's license from three (3) to five (5) years **without condition**. This will significantly reduce processing costs for both the

¹ <http://www.bworldonline.com/content.php?section=Economy&title=gsis-hdmf-top-rated-for-cutting-red-tape-lto-worst&id=101644>

government and the public thereby addressing corruption and irregularities that currently persists in the agency.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this measure is eagerly sought.



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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 23 of Republic Act No. 4136, otherwise known as the
2 Land Transportation and Traffic code, as amended, is hereby further amended to
3 read as follows:
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5 "Sec. 23. Issuance of driver's license, fees and validity. — If, after such
6 examination, the Director or his deputies find that the applicant possesses the
7 necessary qualification and proficiency in the operation of motor vehicles, is
8 able to read and write any of the official languages or a major dialect and
9 knows how to read and interpret various traffic signs, signals and road
10 markings, a professional or nonprofessional license may be issued to such
11 applicant upon payment of the fee prescribed in accordance with law, but prior
12 to the issuance of said license, the applicant shall present himself in person
13 and have his photograph taken by the bureau. All driver's licenses issued
14 shall be signed in the presence of the Director or his deputies and shall bear,
15 among others, the full name, date of birth, height, weight, sex, color of eyes,
16 blood type, complete current address, right hand thumbprint of the licensee,
17 license number, and its date of issue and expiration.
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19 "In the issuance of licenses, the Bureau shall use such process or adopt such
20 measure as will prevent any alteration or falsification of a license or will
21 enable the Bureau to detect any unauthorized license.
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23 "Except for student permits and new licenses, all driver's licenses shall be
24 valid for [three (3)] **FIVE (5)** consecutive years reckoned from the birthdate of
25 the licensee, unless sooner revoked or suspended. [Provided, however, That,
26 subject to Section twenty-six hereof, any holder of a professional or
27 nonprofessional driver's license who has not committed any violation during

1 the three-year period shall be entitled to a renewal of such license for five-
2 year period.]

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6 **SECTION 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - The Secretary of the
7 Department of Transportation, upon the recommendation of the Land Transportation
8 Office Assistant Secretary, promulgate not later than thirty (30) days from the
9 effectivity of this Act the necessary rules and regulations for its effective
10 implementation.

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12 **SECTION 3. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
13 regulations or other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this
14 Act are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

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16 **SECTION 4. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act is
17 subsequently declared unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining provisions
18 hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

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20 **SECTION 5. Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect (15) days after
21 after its complete publication either in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2)
22 newspapers of general circulation.

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24 *Approved,*