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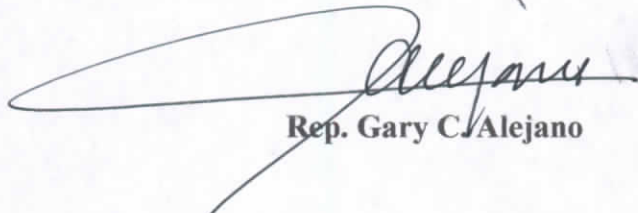
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 10591, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act provided for a legal framework to regulate the possession of firearms and ammunition in the country. It laid out a set of guidelines on acquiring a gun license and has expressly stated the acceptable number of firearms an individual may own.

Currently, gun owners have to renew their license to own and possess firearms (LTOPF), permit to carry firearms outside of residence or place of business (PTCFOR), and registration of firearms every two (2) years, one (1) year, and four (4) years, respectively.

While the PNP Firearms Explosives Security Group Section (FESAGS) provides for the application for firearms license in its regional centers, the varying periods in applying for permits speaks of inefficiency and bureaucratic red tape, thus this proposed measure seeks to impose a uniform duration for each of the aforementioned license and permits.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT

FIXING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE LICENSE TO OWN AND POSSESS, PERMIT TO CARRY OUTSIDE OF RESIDENCE OR PLACE OF BUSINESS AND REGISTRATION OF FIREARMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 7 AND 19 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10591, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COMPREHENSIVE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION REGULATION ACT"

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 7 of R.A. No. 10591 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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3 “SEC. 7. *Carrying Firearms Outside of Residence or Place of Business.*—A permit
4 to carry firearms shall be issued by the Chief of the PNP or his/her duly authorized
5 representative to any qualified person whose life is under actual threat or his/her life is in
6 imminent danger due to the nature of his/her profession, occupation or business.
7 **PROVIDED, THAT SUCH PERMIT SHALL BE RENEWED EVERY FOUR (4)**
8 **YEARS RECKONED FROM THE BIRTHDATE OF THE APPLICANT, UNLESS**
9 **SOONER REVOKED OR SUSPENDED.**

10 **SEC. 2.** Section 19 of R.A. No. 10591 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 “SEC. 19. *Renewal of Licenses and Registration.*—All types of licenses to possess a
12 firearm shall be renewed every [two (2)] **FOUR (4) years RECKONED FROM THE**
13 **BIRTHDATE OF THE LICENSEE, UNLESS SOONER REVOKED OR**
14 **SUSPENDED.** Failure to renew the license on or before the date of its expiration shall
15 cause the revocation of the license and of the registration of the firearm/s under said
16 license.

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18 The registration of firearm shall be renewed every four (4) years **RECKONED**
19 **FROM THE BIRTHDATE OF THE LICENSEE.** Failure to renew the registration shall

1 cause the holder of the firearm on or before the date of the expiration shall cause the
2 revocation of the license of the firearm. The said firearm shall be confiscated or forfeited in
3 favor of the government after due process.

4 **SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - Within one hundred twenty (120) days
5 from the effectivity of this Act, the Chief of the PNP shall formulate the necessary rules and
6 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

7 **SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.***—All laws, decrees, executive orders or parts thereof
8 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

9 **SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.***—If any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or
10 unconstitutional, the other parts not otherwise affected shall remain in full effect and force.

11 **SEC. 6. *Effectivity.***—This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
12 Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,