

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 8653



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**Introduced by Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to introduce the Plate-to-Owner system which allows the transfer of license plates between certain vehicles with the same owner.

In the plate-to-owner system, license plates are assigned to the owner rather than the vehicle. When disposing of a vehicle, the license plates must be destroyed or cancelled or transferred to another vehicle of the same class owned by the seller or transferor.

The system encourages immediate registration of transferred vehicles as buyer must either obtain new plates or attach the plates they already hold and register their vehicles under the the buyer's name and plate number.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is most earnestly sought.

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**WINNIE CASTELO**

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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING PLATE-TO-OWNER SYSTEM FOR MOTOR VEHICLES."**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Plate-to-Owner System for Motor Vehicles".

SEC. 2. Registration Transfer and Removal of License Plates for the Sale or Transfer of Used Vehicles. On the sale or transfer of a motor vehicle, the seller or transferor may remove each license plate, and the registration insignia issued for the motor vehicle.

The license plate removed from a motor vehicle under this section must be either:

- a. disposed of in the manner specified by the Land Transportation Office (LTO); or
- b. transferred to another vehicle owned by the seller or transferor

SEC. 3. Transfer of Removed Plates. The person may use license plates removed from a vehicle under this law on another motor vehicle that is titled in the person/s name. The license plate must be registered with the LTO to the new vehicle of the same class within sixty (60) days.

SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the budget of concerned government agencies in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision or section of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions and sections not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, or issuances, or any part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,