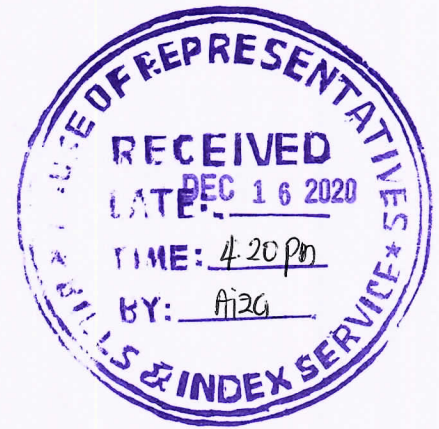


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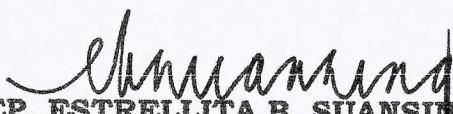
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 10591, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act, by providing for a uniform validity period for the following licenses and permits: license to own and possess firearms (LTOPF), permit to carry firearms outside of residence or place of business (PTCFOR), and registration of firearms.

The current pandemic situation has called for the implementation of various alternative work arrangements that have reduced the number of personnel physically reporting for work. Among those affected by such arrangement are applications for renewal of registration and licenses. On the other hand, gun owners may also be restricted in renewing their registration and licenses in a timely manner because of the various local community quarantines being implemented.

By streamlining both the licensing and registration of firearms and extending the period of their validity, it is envisioned that a more efficient and effective system will be in place. It is also hoped that gun owners will be encouraged to register and therefore reduce the number of loose firearms proliferating in the country.

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


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AN ACT
AMENDING 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 Republic Act No. 10591, otherwise known as the
2 Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act, is hereby amended
3 to read as follows:

4 "SEC. 7. *Carrying of Firearms Outside of Residence or Place of*
5 *Business.* – A permit to carry firearms outside of residence shall be
6 issued by the Chief of the PNP or his/her duly authorized
7 representative to any qualified person whose life is under actual
8 threat or his/her life is in imminent danger due to the nature of
9 his/her profession, occupation or business[.]; **PROVIDED, THAT**
10 **SUCH PERMIT SHALL BE RENEWED EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS,**
11 **UNLESS SOONER REVOKED OR SUSPENDED.**

12 "X X X."

13 **SEC. 2.** Section 19 of Republic Act No. 10591, otherwise known as the
14 Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act, is hereby amended
15 to read as follows:

16 "SEC. 19. *Renewal of Licenses and Registration.* – All types of
17 licenses to possess a firearm shall be renewed every [two (2)] **FIVE**
18 **(5) years, UNLESS SOONER REVOKED OR SUSPENDED.** Failure

1 to renew the license on or before the date of its expiration shall
2 cause the revocation of the license and of the registration of the
3 firearm/s under said license.

4 "The registration of the firearm shall be renewed every [four
5 (4)] **FIVE (5)** years. Failure to renew the registration of the firearm
6 on or before the date of expiration shall cause the revocation of the
7 license of the firearm. The said firearm shall be confiscated or
8 forfeited in favor of the government after due process.

9 "The failure to renew a license or **FIREARM** registration
10 within the periods stated above on two (2) occasions shall cause
11 the holder of the firearm to be perpetually disqualified from
12 applying for any firearm license. The application for the renewal of
13 the license or registration may be submitted to the FEO of the PNP,
14 within six (6) months before **AND UP TO TWO (2) MONTHS**
15 **AFTER** the date of the expiration of such license or registration."

16 **SEC. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within ninety (90) days
17 from the effectivity of this Act, the Chief of the Philippine National Police shall
18 formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation
19 of this Act.

20 **SEC. 4. Separability Clause.** – If any part or provision of this Act is declared
21 invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts not otherwise affected shall remain
22 in full force and effect.

23 **SEC. 5. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, or parts
24 thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or
25 modified accordingly.

26 **SEC. 6. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
27 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

28 Approved,