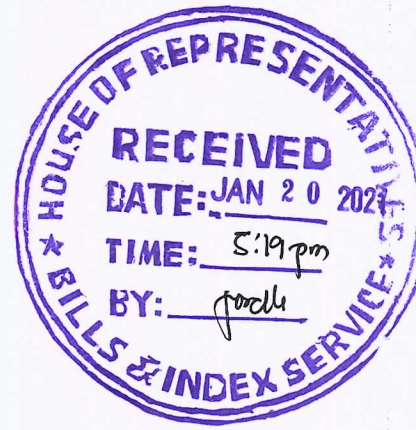


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HOUSE BILL NO. 8434



Introduced by Representative WES GATCHALIAN

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

However, the Land Transportation Office in many instances and for laudable and worthy grounds, took exception and allowed the temporary use of commemorative plates. It cannot be discounted though, that some of these commemorative plates are being utilized by unscrupulous individuals to escape violations of law or perpetuate illegal activities.

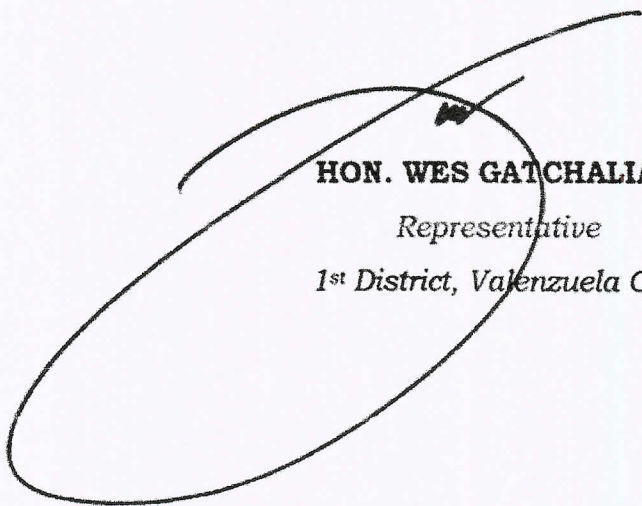
Commemorative plates are being widely used nowadays with some bearing the name of government agencies such as the PNP, CIDG, AFP, or DOH. While others indicate government positions such as PROSECUTOR, COUNCILOR, KAGAWAD and LAWYER, which clearly suggest that the vehicles are owned by some influential person whom an ordinary traffic or law enforcer would be wary of apprehending in case of traffic violations or the Expanded Unified Vehicular Volume Reduction Program of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority.

In addition, law enforcement agents also face difficulty in ascertaining the veracity of the issuance of these plates because there is no way to determine its authenticity at first glance.

While it is true that the Land Transportation Office had already issued a memorandum recalling the use of commemorative plates, such recall would be more meaningful and forceful if it will be institutionalized by a legislative act specially because of the fact 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 manufacture, sale, issue and use of commemorative plates.

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



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

1 SECTION 1. The use of commemorative plates is hereby prohibited subject to
2 the provisions of this Act.

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4 SEC. 2. *Definition.* – A Commemorative Plate refers to an issued plate for
5 cars and motorcycles commemorating historical events, legitimate organizations, and
6 other occasions issued for a limited period installed at the front portion of a Motor
7 Vehicle, such as the following:

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9 (A) Those that bear the name or logos of organizations, names of places,
10 and those which commemorate historical events;

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12 (B) Those that bear the name or seal of any agency of the government;

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14 (C) Those that bear any government position, or profession; or

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16 (D) Any other similar commemorative plate.

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18 SEC. 3. *Prohibited Act.* – The manufacture, issuance, sale, and use of
19 commemorative plates are hereby declared unlawful. It shall be unlawful for any
20 person or business establishment to manufacture, issue, sell or use any
21 commemorative plate.

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2 SEC. 4. *Penalty.* – Any person manufacturing, issuing, selling or using
3 commemorative plates shall be subject to imprisonment of not less than six (6)
4 months nor more than one (1) year or a fine of not less than Fifteen Thousand Pesos
5 (P15,000.00) or both, at the discretion of the court.
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7 SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Land Transportation
8 Office shall adopt and issue the rules and regulations for the effective implementation
9 of this Act.
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11 SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part of this Act is declared
12 invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the
13 remaining provisions of this Act.
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15 SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, rules, and regulations, presidential
16 decrees, letters of instruction and other presidential issuances which are
17 incompatible or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed
18 amended, or modified accordingly.
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20 SEC. 8. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days after
21 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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23 Approved,