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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Driving is a privilege and comes with lots of responsibilities. The responsibility of your own safety, your passengers, pedestrians and other vehicles around you.

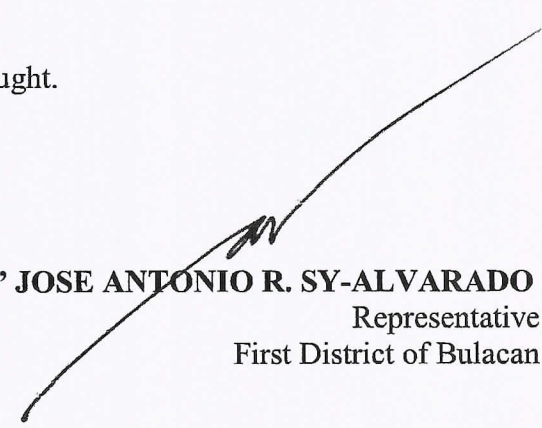
Section 2 of Republic Act No. 10930 states that the Land Transportation Office may issue a professional or nonprofessional license upon payment of the fee prescribed in accordance with law, and which shall NOT cost more than the government's procurement expense. But reports received proves otherwise.

There were reports that there are additional fees that are seemingly overpriced and fees may vary depending on what Land Transportation Office (LTO) branch an individual goes to in order to process their license.

When the demand for third-party delivery providers went up, the demand in getting driver's license also increased and in the midst of a global pandemic and National Public Health Emergency that affected millions of Filipinos, the Land Transportation Office (LTO) made changes in their system.

This proposed bill aims to make amendments to make the process in the securing a driver's license strict and rightful but affordable and corruption-free.

Thus, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
REGULATING AND STANDARDIZING FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES IN ISSUING
DRIVER'S LICENSE, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Title. – This Act shall be known as the “*Lingkod Abot Kayang Lisensiya Act.*”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It shall be the policy of the State to protect the rights of drivers and promote their welfare.

It is likewise the policy of the State to promote a just and corruption-free transaction in any government agencies shall ensure prosperity, affordability and rising standard of quality services.

SECTION 3. Section 23 of Republic Act No. 4136, otherwise known as the "Land Transportation and Traffic Code", as amended, is hereby further amended and read as follows:

"Sec. 23 Issuances of Driver's License, Fees and Validity. - If, after such examination, the Land Transportation Office (LTO) Head or his/her deputies find that the applicant possesses the necessary qualification and proficiency in the operation of motor vehicles, is able to read and write any of the official languages or a major dialect and knows how to read and interpret various traffic signs, signals and road markings, a professional or non-professional license may be issued to such applicant upon payment of the affordable and standardized fee prescribed in accordance with law, and which shall not cost more than the government's procurement expense, but prior to the issuance of said license, the applicant shall present himself/herself in person and have his/her photograph taken by the LTO. All drivers' license issued shall be signed in the presence of LTO Head or his/her deputies and shall bear among others, the full name, date of birth, height, weight, sex, color of eyes, blood type, complete current address, biometrics, license number, and its date of issue and expiration.

"In the issuance of licenses, the LTO shall now use such process or adopt such measure as will prevent any alteration or falsification of a license or will enable the LTO to detect any unauthorized license. The LTO shall create an online process for the renewal of professional and nonprofessional licenses within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act.

"Except for student permits, all drivers' licenses shall be valid for five (5) years reckoned from the birthdate of the licensee, unless sooner revoked or suspended: Provided, however, That subject to Section 26 hereof, any holder of a professional or nonprofessional driver's license who has not committed any violation of Republic Act No. 4136 and other traffic laws, rules and regulations during the five (5)-year period shall be entitled to a renewal of such license for ten (10) years, subject to the restrictions as may be imposed by the LTO.

"The local government units (LGUs), the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) or other agencies lawfully issuing traffic violation to the LTO, which shall serve as the repository of all traffic violation records."

SECTION 4. A new section is hereby added after the Section 23-B of the same Act and numbered as 23-C, to read as follows:

Sec. 23-B. Standardization- All fees and other expenses in securing a driver's license shall be standardized.

“(a) Fees shall not vary in different LTO branches.

“(b) Fees and other expenses in the necessary driving lessons, whether rendered or provided by the LTO or private entity, shall be regulated and standardized.

“(c) The theoretical and practical examinations shall be FREE”

SECTION 5. Research and Development. The Land Transportation Office shall conduct continuing research and development to ensure the efficient administration of the drivers' licensing system.

SECTION 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Finance, in consultation with the other relevant government agencies and stakeholders, shall issue necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, issuances or portion thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

