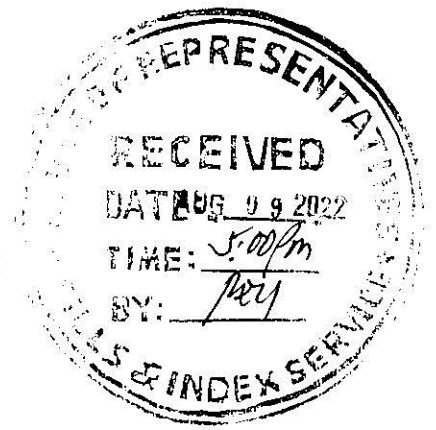




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Introduced by 1-RIDER Party-list Representative Hon. Ramon Rodrigo "Rodge" L. Gutierrez

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure provides for the creation of an online database for the Land Transportation Office ('LTO'). In addition, it amends the current LTO law to allow for the use of QR Codes and other similar online means as equivalent to having physical access to vital documents (i.e. Driver's License, Official Receipt/Certificate of Registration).

In the day and age where online access is routine, the utilization of online forms to show proper identification and proof of privilege is seen as a logical step in the development of our transportation laws. With this measure, motorists would no longer be sanctioned for having forgotten their driver's license at home, as the same is only proof of the privilege, and not the privilege per se. The acceptance of an electronic driver's license as proof of having the license to drive is not only a convenience, but a measure that would contribute to reducing incidents of corruption on the ground, bringing down the leverage of confiscation that is so often misused.

It is the opinion of this representation that requiring the physical form of a driver's license as the only proof of one's having the license to drive is an antiquated view and does not completely fulfill the intention of the law on regulating motorists. At the same time, it is believed that the proposed measure would be the start to modernizing the current traffic regulation infrastructure, which in turn, would cater to more advanced forms of regulation and enforcement of the nation's massive road network.

The proposed measure of an LTO database integrated with the Philippine Identification System would also enhance the government's records by providing additional information of the citizens, thus providing a more comprehensive repository.

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

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**"AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE POLICY
 ON LICENSE AND MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION"**

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "LTO E-DOC ACT."

SECTION 2. *Database* - That the Land Transportation Office ('LTO') shall maintain an online database that shall be made available for integration with the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board ('LTFRB') and Philippine National Police ('PNP') database in pursuing their respective mandates.

SECTION 3. *Limitation* - The online database shall respect all applicable data privacy measures in place, including the provisions of Republic Act No. 10173 or the "Data Privacy Act of 2012", issuances and guidelines of the National Privacy Commission, and any amendments thereto.

SECTION 4. *Access to Database* - All law enforcement officers and agencies shall be equipped with the means to access the full database of the LTO, including sensitive personal information of the riding public, for verification purposes, subject to guidelines set by the National Privacy Commission ('NPC') and security clearance from the head of the respective agency that the law enforcement officer is under.

SECTION 5. *Non-Sensitive Personal Information* - Non-sensitive personal information shall be made accessible to all persons through non-proprietary QR codes. To this end, non-sensitive personal information shall refer to the following:

1. For Driver's License: (i) name (ii) ID picture (iii) validity (iv) license number with only the last three digits.
2. For Original Receipt and Certificate of Registration ('ORCR'): (i) make of the vehicle (ii) vehicle model (iii) year (iv) color and (v) date.

SECTION 6. *In Lieu of Actual Physical Possession of Driver's License and ORCR* - That the data accessed through the QR Code shall be honored as a physical ID and proof of identification by all law enforcement officers and agencies, and can be subject to verification through the LTO database.

To this end, presentation of such QR code shall be equivalent to physical possession of documents as required under Section 15(a), Section 19 and Section 56(b) of Republic Act No. 4136 or the "Land Transportation and Traffic Code."

SECTION 7. *Database Linked with PhilSys* - The LTO database shall be linked to the Philippine Identification System provided for under Republic Act No. 11055, for further integration of the national identification system of all citizens and resident aliens of the Republic of the Philippines.

SECTION 8. *Budget* - The amount of Five Million Pesos (P5,000,00.00) is hereby appropriated for the establishment of the LTO database. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the maintenance of the database shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)* - Within sixty (60) days upon approval of this Act, the LTO, in coordination with the NPC, shall promulgate rules and regulations and exchange existing technologies and best practices on the issuance of the non-proprietary QR Code and constitution of the database, to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 10. *Separability Clause* - If any provision, section, or part of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, invalidate or impair any other provisions, sections, or parts hereof.

SECTION 11. *Repealing Clause* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. *Effectivity* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.

