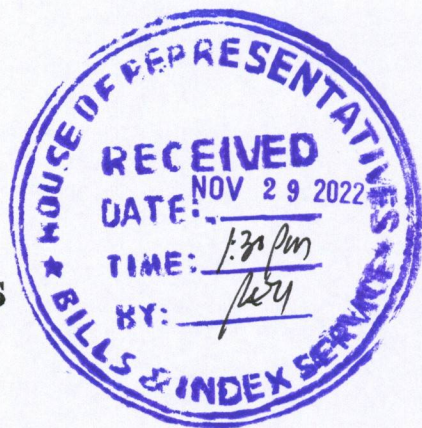




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Introduced by **1-RIDER Party-list Representative Hon. Ramon Rodrigo**
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to subsidize qualified Public Utility Vehicle (PUV) drivers of fees for clearances, certificates and other government issued documents required by the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in order to be granted a Professional Driver's License.

The LTO released Memorandum Circular 2021-2284, which enumerates the list of requirements for applicants of a Professional Driver's License (i.e. NBI Clearance, Original copy of Birth Certificate). While the list of requirements is sound and would prove to promote road safety and proper motorist behavior, the documents also have applicable fees that need to be paid before its release, thus imposing a financial burden on PUV drivers.

PUV drivers play a major role in the transportation infrastructure of the country, as they are responsible for the mobility of the riding public, bringing passengers to work or leisure, which result in economic development and activity. As such, to encourage more PUV drivers and ease the financial burden imposed by the LTO to ensure road safety, this Representation proposes to provide a subsidy to qualified PUV drivers for the same to complete the list of requirements for a Professional Driver's License at a lower cost.

The passage of this Bill is highly recommended.


HON. RAMON RODRIGO “RODGE” L. GUTIERREZ
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¹ A similar measure was filed as House Bill No. 4573 by Hon. Gus S. Tambunting during the 19th Congress



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**AN ACT PROVIDING SUBSIDIES FOR INDIGENT PUBLIC
UTILITY DRIVERS IN THE PAYMENT OF FEES AND CHARGES
FOR CERTAIN CERTIFICATES AND CLEARANCES REQUIRED
BY THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN APPLYING
FOR A PROFESSIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSE**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the "Indigent Public Utility Driver's License Application Subsidy Act."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and improved quality of life for all.

The State shall contribute towards this end by expanding accessibility to government services and providing subsidies and incentives to indigent individuals who seek livelihood as drivers of public utility vehicles.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. – For this Act, the following terms shall have the definitions as stated:

- a) "Applicant" – refers to an individual seeking to apply for a license to operate a public utility vehicle as a means of livelihood. Qualified applicants under this Act are individuals whose per capita income fall below the official poverty threshold as defined by the government as identified and certified by the Philippines Statistics Authority (PSA) based on the criteria set under Republic Act No. 11315 otherwise known as the "Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) Act";
- b) "Public Utility Vehicle" (PUV) – refers to a motor vehicle considered as a public transport conveyance or common carrier

duly registered with the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and granted a franchise by the Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB).

SECTION 4. Subsidies for Qualified Applicants. – Under this Act, qualified applicants shall be granted a twenty percent (20%) discount in the payment of clearances and certificates, as may be required by the LTO in applying for a Professional Driver's License, including but not limited to:

- a) Birth certificate from the Philippines Statistics Authority (PSA);
- b) Medical certificate from an LTO-accredited clinic or physician;
- c) Clearance from the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI);
- d) Clearance from the Philippines National Police (PNP);
- e) Enrollment fees for Theoretical and Practical Driving Courses given by LTO-accredited and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)-certified driving schools; and
- f) Examination Fees.

Priority registration shall be given to applicants in cases where the theoretical and practical driving courses in LTO-accredited and TESDA-certified driving schools can be enrolled free of charge. Furthermore, applicants shall be given a fixed daily allowance for expenses incurred in the commute to and from their chosen driving schools.

SECTION 5. Requirement for Subsidy. – Before the subsidy authorized under this Act may be availed of, the applicant must be included in the validated list of drivers of PUVS of the local government unit concerned and must present a certification from the local chief executive of the barangay where the driver resides or the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) before the LTO. The Certification to be issued by the concerned local chief executive shall be called "PUV OPERATOR/ DRIVER CERTIFICATE". Such PUV Operator/Driver Certificate may be issued by the Local Chief Executive concerned upon presentation of any proof which may include LTFRB Franchise, ID issued by transport organization and TODA membership.

SECTION 6. Penalties. – Any public officer or employee who refuses or fails to provide the benefits granted to qualified applicants outlined in Section 4 of this Act shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (₱5,000.00) but not more than Twenty Thousand Pesos (₱20,000.00).

Prosecution for an offense outlined in this Act shall be without prejudice to any liability for violation of any other existing laws, including civil service laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Transportation (DOTr), in consultation with Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Philippine National Police (PNP), Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Health (DOH), the Technical Education and

Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC), shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause. – If any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected and thereby remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication on the *Official Gazette* or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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