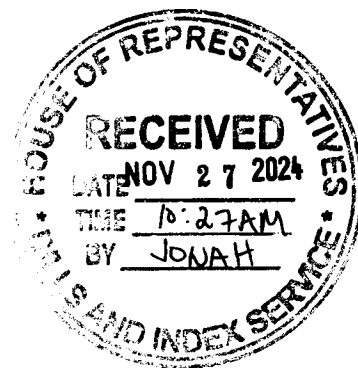


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HOUSE BILL NO. 11141



Introduced by Representative Dan S. Fernandez

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 10591 also known as the "Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act" recognizes (a) the right of qualified private citizens to self defense through the use of licensed firearms, and (b) the need to provide legal support to law enforcement agencies in their campaign against crime, stop proliferation of illegal firearms or weapons and the illegal manufacture of firearms or weapons, ammunitions and parts thereof.

The intent of RA 10591 is to account for and register firearms in accordance with the requirements of state laws and regulations. Included are provisions that regulate the manufacture, import and export of firearms and its essential accessories. However, it appears that certain provisions of the statute were, intentionally or unintentionally, too rigid and rendered the law unreasonably difficult for private citizens to own or use licensed firearms.

The bill proposes rationalizing certain provisions of the existing laws so that law-abiding individuals will not be unduly deprived of the right to legally own firearms, and consequently, to defend themselves, their loved ones and their property.

The measure seeks to amend the following provisions of the law:

- a) Standards and Requisites for the Issuance of License to Own and Possess Firearms;
- b) Carrying of Firearms Outside of Residence or Place of Business;
- c) License to Possess Ammunition;
- d) Issuance of License to Manufacture or Deal in Firearms and Ammunition;
- e) Scope of License to Manufacture Firearms and Ammunition;
- f) Registration of Locally Manufactured and Imported Firearms; and
- g) Firearms for Use in Sports and Competitions.

For the foregoing reasons, the immediate consideration and approval of this bill is earnestly urged.

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AN ACT
AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10591,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COMPREHENSIVE FIREARMS AND
AMMUNITION REGULATION ACT"

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

Section 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 10591, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. Definition of Terms – As used in this Act:

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(y) *Permit to carry firearm outside of residence* refers to a written authority issued to a licensed citizen by the Chief of the PNP, **OR A DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, OR BY THE CHIEF OF RCSU** which entitles such person to carry his/her registered or lawfully issued firearm outside of the residence for the duration and purpose specified in the authority: ***PROVIDED, THAT IN THE EVENT THAT THE CHIEF OF THE PNP IS UNABLE TO DESIGNATE AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, THEN THE RCSU SHALL BE EMPOWERED TO ISSUE SUCH WRITTEN AUTHORITY UNTIL SUCH AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IS DESIGNATED.***

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(I) CONCEALED CARRY. THE MANNER OF CARRYING A WEAPON ON OR ABOUT A PERSON COMPLETELY OR MOSTLY CONCEALED FROM VIEW OF THE PUBLIC OR ON OR ABOUT A PERSON WITHIN A VEHICLE.

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(aa) RESIDENCE OF THE LICENSEE - refers to the place or places of abode of licensed citizens AS INDICATED IN THEIR LICENSE TO OWN AND POSSESS FIREARMS.

(BB) RESIDENCE OF THE FIREARM/S - REFERS TO THE LOCATION WHERE THE FIREARM/S SHALL BE KEPT AS INDICATED IN THE FIREARM REGISTRATION CARD/CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION. FOR PURPOSES OF LICENSING AND REGISTRATION, THE LICENSED CITIZEN MAY DESIGNATE HIS HOME, WORKPLACE OR AN ACCREDITED SHOOTING RANGE AS THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE OF HIS/HER FIREARM. THE LICENSED CITIZEN MAY DESIGNATE MULTIPLE ADDRESSES AND MAY TRANSFER THE RESIDENCE OF THE FIREARMS FROM ONE ADDRESS TO ANOTHER.

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(HH) PROOF MARKS REFER TO EXISTING MARKING APPLIED BY THE MANUFACTURER TO THE FIREARMS SUCH AS SERIAL NUMBER, TRADEMARK AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

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Sec. 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 10591, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC 4. Standards and Requisites for Issuance of and Obtaining a License to Own and Possess Firearms. – xxx

(G) THE APPLICANT HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME THAT IS PUNISHABLE WITH A PENALTY OF MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS: *PROVIDED*, THAT APPLICANTS WHO ARE ACCUSED OF A CRIME IN A PENDING CRIMINAL CASE SHALL NOT BE DISQUALIFIED UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED DISQUALIFIED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION.

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The applicant shall pay the reasonable licensing fees as may be provided in the implementing rules and regulations of this Act: *Provided*, That the fees imposed must commensurate with the cost of regulation, inspection and administrative services to be rendered.

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AMBASSADORS, CONSULS, DIPLOMATS, AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENT WITH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PHILIPPINES AND WHO ARE STATIONED IN THE PHILIPPINES WHOSE GOVERNMENT, BY WAY OF RECIPROCITY ALSO GRANTS THE SAME RIGHT TO PHILIPPINE AMBASSADORS,CONSULS, DIPLOMATS, AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES, SHALL ALSO BE ALLOWED TO OWN AND POSSESS FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

FOREIGN NATIONALS WHO ARE PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF THE PHILIPPINES, WITH FAMILY TIES TO FILIPINO CITIZENS BY CONSANGUINITY OR AFFINITY, LONG TERM EMPLOYEES OF PHILIPPINE CORPORATIONS OR THOSE WITH SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES, SHALL ALSO BE ALLOWED TO OWN AND POSSESS FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION: *PROVIDED*, THAT THEY POSSESS ALL THE REQUIREMENTS EXCEPT FOR PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP.

UPON SATISFACTION OF THE STANDARDS AND REQUISITES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AND OBTAINING A LICENSE TO OWN AND POSSESS FIREARMS, THE STATE RECOGNIZES AND GRANTS THE QUALIFIED RIGHT OF THE LICENSED CITIZEN TO PROTECT HIS/HER LIFE, HIS/HER PROPERTY, AND THE LIFE AND PROPERTY OF OTHERS.

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Sec. 3. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 10591 as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 7. Carrying of Firearms Outside of Residence or Place of Business.
– A permit to carry firearms outside of residence shall be issued by the Chief of the PNP or the duly authorized representative upon application by any person who is qualified to own and possess a firearm or firearms and ammunition under Section 4 of this Act **[WHOSE LIFE IS UNDER ACTUAL THREAT OR HIS/HER LIFE IS IN IMMINENT DANGER DUE TO THE NATURE OF HIS/HER PROFESSION, OCCUPATION OR BUSINESS:]** Provided, that such permit shall be valid for two (2), five (5) or ten (10) years, as the case may be, depending on the term of the corresponding LTOPF unless sooner revoked or suspended.

[IT SHALL BE THE BURDEN OF THE APPLICANT TO PROVE THE ACTUAL THREAT TO LIFE BY SUBMITTING A THREAT ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATE; PROVIDED, THAT THE APPROPRIATE PNP UNIT SHALL ISSUE THE THREAT ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATE WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS.

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, THE FOLLOWING PROFESSIONALS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE IN IMMINENT DANGER DUE TO THE NATURE OF THEIR PROFESSION, OCCUPATION OR BUSINESS:

(a) MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE BAR;

- (b) CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS;**
- (c) ACCREDITED MEDIA PRACTITIONERS;**
- (d) CASHIERS, BANK TELLERS,**
- (e) PRIESTS, MINISTERS, RABBI, IMAMS;**
- (f) PHYSICIANS AND NURSES;**
- (g) ENGINEERS;**
- (h) BUSINESSMEN, WHO BY THE NATURE OF THEIR
BUSINESS OR UNDERTAKING, ARE EXPOSED TO HIGH
RISK OF BEING TARGETS OF CRIMINAL ELEMENTS;**
- (i) ELECTED INCUMBENT AND FORMER OFFICIALS; [AND]**
- (j) ACTIVE AND RETIRED MILITARY AND LAW
ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL;**
- (k) RESERVISTS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7077; AND**
- (l) CHIEF SECURITY OFFICERS OF FINANCIAL OR
COMMERCIAL INSTITUTIONS."]**

Sec. 4. Section 12 of Republic Act No. 10591, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 12. License to Possess Ammunition Necessarily Included - The license granted to a license holder or juridical entity for the ownership and possession of registered firearms necessarily includes the license to possess ammunition **APPROPRIATE TO THE REGISTERED FIREARM WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED (500) ROUNDS PER FIREARM: PROVIDED, THAT LICENSED SPORTS SHOOTERS MAY BE ALLOWED FIVE THOUSAND (5,000) ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION PER FIREARM AT ANY GIVEN TIME: PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT LICENSES GRANTED TO ANTIQUE FIREARM COLLECTORS ARE NOT COVERED BY THIS PROVISION.**"

Sec. 5. Section 13 of Republic Act No. 10591, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section. 13. - Issuance of License to Manufacture or Deal in Firearms and Ammunition. - Any person, **NATURAL OR JURIDICAL**, desiring to engage in the business of manufacturing, dealing, selling or distributing firearms, parts of firearms, or ammunition thereof **SHALL FIRST SECURE THE APPROPRIATE LICENSE FOR SUCH PURPOSE.**

THE CHIEF OF THE PNP OR A DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BE THE APPROVING AUTHORITY FOR NEW LICENSES TO MANUFACTURE AND NEW LICENSES TO DEAL.

THE DIRECTOR, CSG OR HIS DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BE THE APPROVING AUTHORITY FOR:

- A) AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING LICENSES TO MANUFACTURE AND LICENSES TO DEAL;**
- B) RENEWAL OF EXISTING LICENSES TO MANUFACTURE AND LICENSES TO DEAL;**
- C) APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL BRANCH OR SITE FOR A LICENSED MANUFACTURER DUE TO EXPANSION;**
- D) APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL BRANCH OR SITE FOR A LICENSED MANUFACTURER DUE TO LOCATION IN A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE, SPECIAL ECONOMIC PROCESSING ZONE OR FREEPORT ZONE; AND**
- E) APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL BRANCH FOR A LICENSED DEALER.**

LICENSES SHALL BE IN THE NAME OF:

- A) THE OWNER, IN CASE OF SOLE PROPRIETORSHIPS; OR**

B) THE PARTNERSHIP CORPORATION.

THE APPLICANT SHALL STATE THE AMOUNT OF CAPITALIZATION FOR MANUFACTURE BY SUCH APPLICANT; AND THE TYPES OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION OR PARTS WHICH THE APPLICANT INTENDS TO MANUFACTURE OR PURCHASE AND SELL UNDER THE LICENSE APPLIED FOR; AND SUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS MAY BE ESPECIALLY REQUESTED BY THE APPROVING AUTHORITY.

THE APPROVING AUTHORITY MAY APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE SUCH APPLICATION BASED ON THE PRESCRIBED GUIDELINES. IN THE CASE OF APPROVAL, THE APPROVING AUTHORITY SHALL INDICATE THE AMOUNT OF THE BOND TO BE EXECUTED BY THE APPLICANT BEFORE THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE AND THE PERIOD OF TIME BY WHICH SAID LICENSE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE, UNLESS SOONER REVOKED BY THEIR AUTHORITY.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES MAY BE PROCESSED THROUGH A DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE BY PROVIDING: (A) A SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY IN THE CASE OF SOLE PROPRIETORSHIPS; (B) A PARTNERSHIP RESOLUTION IN THE CASE OF PARTNERSHIPS; AND (C) A BOARD RESOLUTION IN CASE OF CORPORATIONS.

UPON APPROVAL OF THE LICENSE TO MANUFACTURE OR OTHERWISE DEAL IN FIREARMS BY THE CHIEF OF THE PNP OR A DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE AS THE CASE MAY BE THE SAME SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE FEO OF THE PNP WHICH SHALL ISSUE THE LICENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED TERMS AND CONDITIONS, UPON THE

EXECUTION AND DELIVERY BY THE APPLICANT OF THE REQUIRED BOND CONDITIONED UPON THE FAITHFUL COMPLIANCE ON THE PART OF THE LICENSEE WITH THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE BUSINESS LICENSED.

APPROVALS OF AMENDMENTS OR RENEWALS OF EXISTING LICENSES TO MANUFACTURE OR TO DEAL AND APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL BRANCH OR SITE SHALL BE USED BY THE FEO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED TERMS AND CONDITIONS INDICATED IN THE LICENSE TO MANUFACTURE OR LICENSE TO DEAL, AS THE CASE MAY BE. THE POSTING OF CASH BOND SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED IN APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL UNLESS THE CASH BOND HAS BEEN FORFEITED FOR ANY VIOLATION OF THIS ACT; PROVIDED, THAT FORFEITURE OF THE CASH BOND MUST COMPLY WITH DUE PROCESS; PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT SURETY BONDS SHALL BE RENEWED ACCORDINGLY PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS, RENEWALS OR ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OR SITES BY THE FEO.

THE LICENSE TO MANUFACTURE AND THE LICENSE TO DEAL SHALL BE VALID FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS.

IN APPROVING APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE TO MANUFACTURE OR LICENSE TO DEAL, THE FEO MAY GRANT A LICENSE FOR A LONGER PERIOD IN INSTANCES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

A) MERITORIOUS CASES SUCH AS EXPANSION OF OPERATIONS BY AN EXISTING LICENSE HOLDER, NATURAL OR JURIDICAL, FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC; OR,

B) WITH REGARD TO THE CAPABILITY OF THE APPLICANT IN TERMS OF FACTORS SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO CAPITALIZATION, EQUIPMENT AND NUMBER OF DEALERSHIP LOCATIONS.

IN SUCH CASES, IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE APPLYING ENTITY TO PROPOSE SUCH LONGER PERIOD AND TO JUSTIFY THE NEED FOR THE SAME.

ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS SHALL STRICTLY ADHERE TO THE PERIOD PROVIDED FOR UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11032 OR THE "EASE OF DOING BUSINESS AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT SERVICE DELIVERY ACT OF 2018." IN ADDITION TO THIS, THE APPROVING AUTHORITY SHALL ISSUE A TEMPORARY LICENSE TO OPERATE IN FAVOR OF THE APPLICANT UPON APPROVAL OF THE SPECIFICATIONS AND PLANS OF THE MANUFACTURING FACILITY, SHOOTING RANGE OR DEALERSHIP TO BE CONSTRUCTED. THE APPROVING AUTHORITY IS PROHIBITED FROM ORDERING TO CHANGE, RENOVATE OR MODIFY A NEWLY BUILT MANUFACTURING FACILITY/SHOOTING RANGE/DEALERSHIP, OR A PORTION THEREOF, IF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAME HAD STRICTLY FOLLOWED THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION PLAN SUBMITTED TO AND APPROVED. SUCH CHANGES SHALL BE MADE PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE BUILDING PERMIT AND THE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE FACILITY.

Sec. 6. Section 14 of Republic Act No. 10591 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 14. *Scope of License to Manufacture Firearms and Ammunition.* – The scope of the License to Manufacture firearms and ammunition shall also include the following:

(a) The authority to manufacture and assemble firearms, ammunition, spare parts and accessories, ammunition components, and reloading of ammunitions, within sites, areas, and factories stated therein. The Chief of the PNP or a duly authorized representative shall approve such license;

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(d) The authority to import machinery, equipment, and firearm parts and ammunition components for the manufacture thereof. Firearm parts and ammunition components to be imported shall, however, be limited to those authorized to be manufactured as reflected in the approved License to Manufacture. The Import Permit shall be under the administration of the PNP-CSG.

A licensed manufacturer of ammunition is also entitled to import various reference firearms needed to test the ammunition manufactured and various reference ammunition for re-engineering, research and development purposes under the License to Manufacture. A licensed manufacturer of firearms, on the other hand, is entitled to import various firearms for reference, test and evaluation for manufacture of similar types of firearms covered by the License to Manufacture.

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Sec. 7. Section 15 of Republic Act No. 10591 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 15. *Registration of Locally Manufactured and Imported Firearms.* - For locally manufactured firearms and major parts thereof, [shall register the same as follows:] **THE INITIAL REGISTRATION SHALL BE**

DONE AT THE FEO OF THE PNP STORAGE FACILITY AND OTHER CSG-FEO STORAGE FACILITIES; PROVIDED, THAT FIREARMS SHALL NOT BE SUBJECTED TO BALLISTIC IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES; PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE PNP THROUGH THE FEO, MAY CONDUCT INSPECTION AND RECORDING OF THE MANUFACTURED FIREARMS BASED ON THE RECORDS INITIALLY PREPARED BY THE AUTHORIZED MANUFACTURER.

FOR IMPORTED FIREARMS AND MAJOR PARTS THEREOF, THE REGISTRATION, INSPECTION, AND INVENTORY SHALL BE DONE UPON ARRIVAL AT THE FEO OF THE PNP STORAGE FACILITY AND OTHER CSG-FEO STORAGE FACILITIES. FIREARMS FOR INDIVIDUAL SALE IN THE PHILIPPINES SHALL HAVE DISTINCT SERIAL NUMBERS AND PROOF MARKS.

FOR FIREARMS INTENDED FOR LOCAL SALE AND DISTRIBUTION, IT SHALL BE SUBJECTED TO RECORDING OF PROOF MARKS BY THE USE OF PHOTO DOCUMENTATION.

FOR IMPORTED FIREARMS, INSPECTION AND INVENTORY SHALL BE DONE UPON ARRIVAL AT THE FEO STORAGE FACILITY AND OTHER CSG-FEO STORAGE FACILITIES.

FOR LOCALLY MANUFACTURED FIREARMS, THE PNP, THROUGH THE FEO, MAY CONDUCT THE INSPECTION AND RECORDING OF THE MANUFACTURED FIREARMS BASED ON THE RECORDS INITIALLY PREPARED BY THE AUTHORIZED MANUFACTURER.

FIREARMS WHICH ARE INTENDED FOR LOCAL SALE AND DISTRIBUTION SHALL BE SUBJECTED TO RECORDING OF PROOF MARKS THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION. IN CASE THE

NUMBER OF FIREARMS CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE PNP CRIME LAB, THE SAME MAY BE CONDUCTED AT THE LICENSED MANUFACTURER'S FACILITY. THE LICENSED MANUFACTURER SHALL SHOULD THE FEES AND OTHER NECESSARY EXPENSES.

FIREARMS INTENDED FOR EXPORTS SHALL NOT BE SUBJECTED TO RECORDING OF PHYSICAL MARKINGS OR BALLISTIC TESTING.

AFTER COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRECEEDING PARAGRAPHS, THE INSPECTED FIREARMS FOR LOCAL DISTRIBUTION SHALL BE ENCODED IN THE FIREARMS INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (FIMS) BEFORE THEY SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SALE OR DISTRIBUTION.

Sec. 8. Section 18 of Republic Act No. 10591 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 18. Firearms for Use in Sports and Competitions. – A qualified individual shall apply for a permit to transport his/her registered firearm/s from his/her residence to the firing range/s and competition sites [as may be warranted] FROM THE CHIEF OF THE RCSU WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTION.

Sec. 9. Section 21 of Republic Act No. 10591 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION. 21. Acquisition or Purchase and Sale of Firearms and Ammunition. – Firearms and ammunition may only be acquired or purchased from authorized dealers, importers or local manufacturers and may be transferred or sold only from a licensed citizen or licensed juridical entity to another licensed citizen or licensed juridical entity.

During election periods, the sale, **TRANSFER** and registration of firearms, ammunition, major parts and components of firearms, ammunition

and major parts and the issuance of licenses and permits to qualified individuals or qualified juridical entities shall be allowed: Provided, that, the transport or delivery of the firearms shall strictly comply with the issuances, resolutions and regulations promulgated by the Commission on Elections: **PROVIDED THAT, FIREARMS OF ACTIVE MILITARY AND POLICE, INCLUDING THEIR PERSONAL FIREARMS, ARE EXEMPT FROM COMELEC AUTHORITY TO TRANSPORT. PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, FIREARMS AND ITS PARTS SOLELY FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND SPORTS COMPETITION ABROAD, SHALL BE EXEMPTED FROM COMELEC AUTHORITY TO TRANSPORT: PROVIDED FURTHERMORE THAT, TRANSPORTATION OF SUCH GOODS SHALL BE COVERED BY A PNP IMPORT OR EXPORT PERMIT AND PERMIT TO TRANSPORT FIREARM AND BE ACCOMPANIED BY POLICE ESCORT TO OR FROM THE PORT/AIRPORT OF ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE FROM THE PHILIPPINES; PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT THE DURATION OF THE ELECTION GUN BAN SHALL ONLY BE SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE AND AFTER THE ELECTION.**

DURING THE ELECTION GUN BAN, LICENSED CITIZENS MAY BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THEIR FIREARMS TO AN ACCREDITED SHOOTING RANGE FOR THEIR USE THEREIN.

IN NO CASE WILL A REGIONAL, LOCAL, AND/OR COUNTRYWIDE PROHIBITION ON THE TRANSPORT OR DELIVERY OF FIREARMS BE IMPOSED OUTSIDE THE ELECTION PERIOD, UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT. "

Sec. 10. Section 43 of Republic Act No. 10591 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 43. Final Amnesty. – Persons in possession of unregistered firearms and holders of expired license or unregistered firearms shall register

and renew the same through the Final General Amnesty within one (1) year from the promulgation of the implementing rules and regulations of this Act. during the interim period of one (1) year, no person applying for license shall be charged of any delinquent payment accruing to the firearm subject for registration. The PNP shall conduct an intensive nationwide campaign to ensure that the general public is properly informed of the provisions of this Act.”

Sec. 11. Transitory Provision. - Within six (6) months upon the effectivity of this Act, a licensed firearm holder prior to the effectivity of this Act who is no longer interested to continue possessing his/her licensed firearm may transfer the same to a license holder or licensed juridical entity subject to the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 12. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of THE Interior and Local Government, the Philippine National Police, and the national police commission, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders, shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Sec. 13. Separability Clause. - If any portion of this Act be declared unconstitutional, the remainder of the Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

Sec. 14. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, ordinances, rules, regulations, other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,