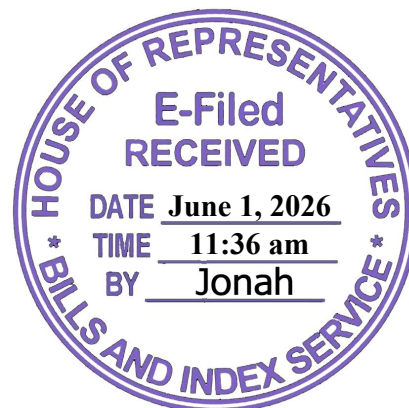


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EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TO FIVE (5) YEARS, ESTABLISHING A MODERNIZED MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The registration of motor vehicles serves as a fundamental mechanism through which the State regulates the operation of vehicles on public roads, promotes road safety, ensures accountability among vehicle owners, and facilitates the collection of lawful government revenues. However, the current system requiring frequent registration renewals imposes recurring financial and administrative burdens upon motorists and contributes to congestion in Land Transportation Office (LTO) offices nationwide.

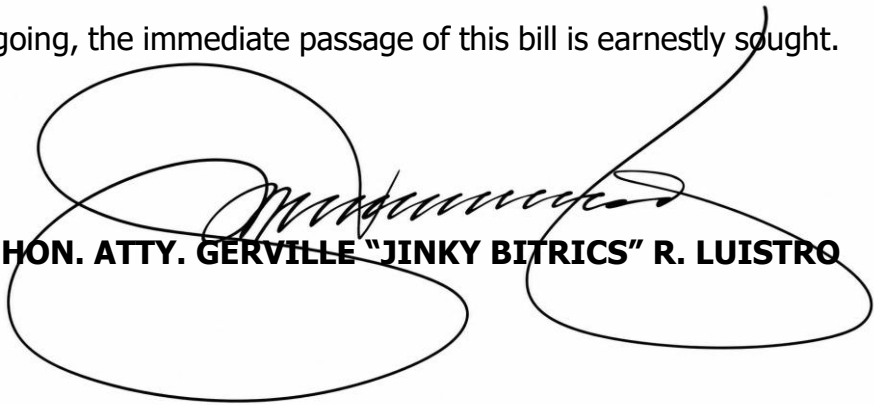
With the continuous advancement of digital governance, automated monitoring systems, centralized databases, and electronic payment platforms, there is an opportunity to streamline vehicle registration procedures without compromising public safety and regulatory oversight. Many vehicle owners spend considerable time and resources complying with annual registration requirements despite maintaining valid insurance coverage, roadworthy vehicles, and updated ownership records.

This measure seeks to extend the validity of motor vehicle registration to five (5) years while preserving the government's authority to conduct periodic inspections, enforce roadworthiness standards, verify insurance compliance, monitor

environmental requirements, and ensure the accuracy of ownership records. The bill likewise establishes a modernized registration management framework that utilizes digital technologies to improve efficiency, reduce administrative costs, curb opportunities for corruption, and enhance public service delivery.

By reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens while strengthening compliance mechanisms, this measure promotes a more efficient, citizen-centered, and technologically advanced transportation system that benefits both motorists and the government.

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



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

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4 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "Five-Year Motor
5 Vehicle Registration Act of 2026."
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7 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is hereby declared the policy of the
8 State to promote efficiency, accessibility, and convenience in the delivery of
9 government services by reducing unnecessary administrative and financial burdens
10 imposed upon motor vehicle owners. Towards this end, the State shall ensure that all
11 motor vehicles operating on public roads remain roadworthy, environmentally
12 compliant, and properly insured, while harnessing modern information and
13 communications technology to improve the administration of transportation services.
14 The State shall likewise strengthen transparency and accountability in the registration
15 and monitoring of motor vehicles and foster public trust through the provision of
16 efficient, responsive, and citizen-centered regulatory processes.
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18 **SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. – For purposes of this Act:**

19 (a) **Motor Vehicle** refers to any vehicle propelled by any power other
20 than muscular power using public highways, as defined under Republic Act No.
21 4136.

(b) **Registered Owner** refers to the person, natural or juridical, whose name appears in the Certificate of Registration.

(c) **Roadworthiness Inspection** refers to an examination conducted to determine whether a vehicle complies with safety standards prescribed by law and regulation.

(d) **Digital Registration Certificate** refers to an electronically generated registration record issued by the LTO.

(e) **Periodic Compliance Verification** refers to the process of validating insurance coverage, emission compliance, ownership information, and roadworthiness requirements during the five-year registration period.

SECTION 4. Five-Year Registration Period. - All privately owned motor vehicles shall be issued a Certificate of Registration valid for five (5) years from the date of issuance or renewal, subject to compliance with the provisions of this Act and the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder.

SECTION 5. Coverage. - The five-year registration validity shall apply to:

- (a) Private passenger vehicles;
- (b) Private motorcycles and tricycles;
- (c) Sport utility vehicles;
- (d) Vans and light trucks used exclusively for private purposes; and
- (e) Other privately owned motor vehicles as may be determined by the LTO.

SECTION 6. Exemptions. - The following shall continue to be subject to registration schedules prescribed by existing laws and regulations:

- (a) Public utility vehicles;
- (b) Transportation network vehicle service units;
- (c) School service vehicles;
- (d) Government-owned vehicles;
- (e) Vehicles carrying hazardous materials;
- (f) Commercial freight vehicles; and

1 (g) Other vehicle classifications determined by the Department of
2 Transportation (DOTr) to require more frequent regulatory oversight.

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4 **SECTION 7. Initial Registration of Brand-New Vehicles.** - Brand-new
5 motor vehicles shall automatically be entitled to five (5) years of registration validity
6 upon initial registration with the LTO.

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8 Manufacturers, distributors, and dealerships shall facilitate the registration
9 process in accordance with LTO regulations.

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11 **SECTION 8. Mandatory Insurance Coverage.** - Every registered motor
12 vehicle shall maintain valid Compulsory Third-Party Liability (CTPL) insurance
13 throughout the five-year registration period.

14 The lapse or cancellation of insurance coverage shall constitute grounds for
15 administrative sanctions under this Act.

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17 **SECTION 9. Periodic Roadworthiness Inspection.** - Notwithstanding the
18 five-year registration validity, vehicle owners shall undergo periodic roadworthiness
19 inspections at intervals prescribed by the LTO.

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21 Inspection results shall be electronically transmitted to the LTO database.

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23 **SECTION 10. Emission Compliance.** - Motor vehicles shall comply with all
24 emission standards established under existing environmental laws.

25 The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), in coordination
26 with the LTO, shall establish procedures for integrating emission compliance records
27 into the national motor vehicle registration database.

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29 **SECTION 11. Updating of Ownership Records.** - Any transfer of
30 ownership shall be reported to the LTO within thirty (30) days from the date of
31 transfer.

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33 Failure to update ownership information shall subject the parties concerned to
34 administrative penalties.

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36 **SECTION 12. Reporting of Material Changes.** - Vehicle owners shall notify
37 the LTO of:

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39 (a) Engine replacement;

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41 (b) Chassis replacement;

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43 (c) Change of color;

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45 (d) Conversion of vehicle type;

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47 (e) Major structural modifications; and
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1 (f) Other changes affecting vehicle identity.

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3 **SECTION 13. National Digital Vehicle Registry.** - The LTO shall establish
4 and maintain a centralized National Digital Vehicle Registry containing:

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6 (a) Registration records;

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8 (b) Insurance records;

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10 (c) Inspection records;

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12 (d) Emission test results;

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14 (e) Ownership history;

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16 (f) Traffic violations affecting registration status; and

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18 (g) Other relevant information.

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20 **SECTION 14. Digital Registration Certificates.** - The LTO shall issue
21 digital certificates of registration accessible through official online platforms.

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23 Printed copies may still be issued upon request.

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25 **SECTION 15. Electronic Verification System.** - Law enforcement agencies
26 shall be authorized to verify registration status through secure electronic systems
27 linked to the National Digital Vehicle Registry.

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29 **SECTION 16. Online Renewal and Payment System.** - The LTO shall
30 develop and maintain an integrated online platform allowing vehicle owners to:

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32 (a) Renew registrations;

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34 (b) Update ownership information;

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36 (c) Pay registration fees;

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38 (d) Verify registration status; and

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40 (e) Access registration records.

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42 **SECTION 17. Inter-Agency Data Sharing.** - Subject to applicable data
43 privacy laws, the LTO may enter into data-sharing agreements with:

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45 (a) The Philippine National Police;

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47 (b) The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board;

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- (c) The DENR;
- (d) Insurance providers;
- (e) Local government units; and
- (f) Other relevant government agencies.

SECTION 18. Registration Fees. - The LTO shall prescribe registration fees corresponding to the five-year validity period, taking into consideration vehicle classification, administrative costs, and other lawful charges.

SECTION 19. Installment Payment Option. - The LTO may establish installment payment schemes allowing vehicle owners to pay registration fees over the five-year registration period.

SECTION 20. Discounts and Incentives. - The LTO may provide incentives, including discounted registration fees, for:

- (a) Electric vehicles;
- (b) Hybrid vehicles;
- (c) Environmentally sustainable vehicles; and
- (d) Vehicle owners with exemplary compliance records.

SECTION 21. Grounds for Suspension of Registration. - The LTO may suspend a vehicle's registration for:

- (a) Failure to maintain insurance coverage;
- (b) Failure to undergo mandatory inspections;
- (c) Submission of fraudulent documents;
- (d) Tampering with registration records;
- (e) Non-compliance with emission standards; or
- (f) Other violations prescribed by law.

SECTION 23. Administrative Fines. - The LTO shall impose reasonable administrative fines for violations of this Act and its implementing rules, subject to due process.

1 **SECTION 24. Anti-Fixer Provisions.** - Any person who facilitates
2 unauthorized, fraudulent, or illegal registration transactions shall be penalized in
3 accordance with existing anti-fixing and anti-corruption laws.
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5 **SECTION 25. Protection of Motorists.** - No registered owner shall be
6 required to undergo unnecessary procedures, submit redundant documentary
7 requirements, or make unauthorized payments as a condition for maintaining
8 registration validity.
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10 **SECTION 26. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within one
11 hundred twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of
12 Transportation, through the Land Transportation Office and in consultation with
13 relevant stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the
14 implementation of this Act.
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16 **SECTION 27. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act is declared
17 unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain
18 in full force and effect.
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20 **SECTION 28. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules
21 and regulations, ordinances, and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with
22 the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.
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24 **SECTION 29. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
25 its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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27 Approved,