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HOUSE BILL NO. 10276

Introduced by **Representative LEONEL "JHONG" D. CENIZA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 8794, otherwise known as the Motor Vehicle User's Charge (MVUC) Law, by restructuring the validity period of motor vehicle registrations in the Philippines. The current system imposes an annual renewal requirement for all motor vehicles, except for brand-new units which enjoy an initial five-year registration validity.

This annual process places an unnecessary bureaucratic, financial, and logistical burden on millions of Filipino vehicle owners, contributing to long queues and inefficiencies at the Land Transportation Office (LTO). To support economic dynamism and ease of doing business, all subsequent registration renewals for both classifications shall be mandated every three (3) years instead of annually. By extending the registration cycle, this bill significantly reduces administrative friction, minimizes corruption risks associated with annual compliance, and directly aligns motor vehicle upkeep with longer modern manufacturing guarantees. Crucially, the LTO shall collect the corresponding multi-year MVUC upfront, ensuring that state revenues dedicated to road maintenance remain stable and predictable. Ultimately, this reform promotes a citizen-centric governance model that respects the time and resources of the Filipino people.

With the foregoing premises considered, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE 'MOTOR VEHICLE USER'S CHARGE LAW', BY EXTENDING THE
VALIDITY PERIOD OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the '*Ease of Paying the Motor Vehicle
Registration Fee Act.*'

SECTION 2. Amendment of Registration Validity. – Section 2 of Republic Act No. 8794 is
hereby amended to include a new paragraph to read as follows:

“SEC. 2. Regulating the Registration of Motor Vehicles. –

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THE INITIAL REGISTRATION OF ALL BRAND-NEW MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL
HAVE A VALIDITY PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS. THEREAFTER, ALL
SUBSEQUENT REGISTRATION RENEWALS FOR BOTH PRIVATE AND
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES SHALL BE COMPULSORILY EVERY THREE (3) YEARS.

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, THE CORRESPONDING MOTOR VEHICLE USER'S
CHARGE (MVUC) FOR THE ENTIRE VALIDITY PERIOD SHALL BE COLLECTED
UPFRONT UPON EACH REGISTRATION OR RENEWAL CYCLE; PROVIDED,
THAT VEHICLE OWNERS MAY OPT TO PAY THE APPLICABLE ANNUAL FEES
IN PRO-RATED INSTALLMENTS UNDER SUCH RULES AS THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) SHALL PRESCRIBE.”

SECTION 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). – Within sixty (60) days from the
effectivity of this Act, the Land Transportation Office (LTO), in coordination with the

31 Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the Department of Public Works and Highways
32 (DPWH), shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective
33 implementation of this Act, including the adjusted schedule of visual, emission, and safety
34 inspections which shall align with the new three-year renewal cycle.

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36 **SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or
37 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
38 valid and subsisting.

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40 **SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.*** – Republic Act No. 8794 and other relevant laws and
41 regulations are hereby modified accordingly. Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
42 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is
43 inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended
44 accordingly.

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46 **SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
47 in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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49 *Approved,*