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Hon. Cong. MIDY N. CUA

Lone District of Quirino
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Thru : **Atty. John Francis Panoncillo**
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Subject : **COMMENTS on the HB07404, HB08438, HB 10696, HB 10816, and HB 10918,
Extending the Validity of Motor Vehicle and Motorcycle Registration**

Dear Sirs/Ma'am:

We would like to extend our most sincere appreciation for inviting us to comment on the House Bills 07404, 08438, 10696, 10816, and 10918 amending certain provisions of RA 4136, extending the validity of motor vehicle registration from the current one-year to three-years and more.

Here are our comments and concerns:

1. Extending the validity of MV registration to three-years or more should not relax the obligation of motor vehicle owners and operators in performing obligatory activities to ensure that the MVs are operating efficiently and safely at all time. The State enforces the efficient and safe operations of all motor vehicles under Section 21-d of RA 8749¹ and its implementing rules and regulations. Under this Law, DTI,

¹ RA 8749 "Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999," Section 21-d: "In order to ensure the substantial reduction of emissions from motor vehicles, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), together with the DOTC and the Department, shall formulate and

DOTr/LTO, and DENR implements the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program as a requisite to the renewal of registration.

Practicality and common experience dictate that motor vehicles specifically those that are commercial and used frequently on the road, like all sorts of PUVs, buses, TNVS, conventional taxis, motorcycle taxis, freight trucks and UVs, contributes more to air pollution, health risks, and fatal road accidents.² LTO and LTFRB recognizes the fact that vehicles used for public conveyance should be safe and pollution-free, prompting the regulatory agencies to adopt bi-annual inspection of PUVs.³

In compliance with the enforcement of safe and efficient operations of all motor vehicles as mandated under the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999, we respectfully recommend that the extension of validity period of motor vehicle registration should also include the obligatory annual activity of inspection and maintenance currently enforced by DOTr/LTO. Specifically, the annual inspection of motor vehicles for emission compliance should continuously be enforced to “ensure substantial reduction of emissions” a.k.a. air pollution.⁴

2. Inspection and maintenance (I/M) are twin activities vital in assuring safety, road worthiness, and emission compliance. This is recognized and made into Law by the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999. However, up to date 25 years later, I/M program has never been truly implemented. We respectfully urge the honorable Legislators to look into this aspect in any legislative exercises concerning transportation.

It is a well-established fact that worn-out and dysfunctional parts aggravated by poor or irregular maintenance affects vehicle performance and has direct connection to the inefficiency of combustion, i.e., bad results of exhaust emission contributing to air pollution. To give out some details of parts and assemblies affecting combustion ergo air pollution, see “Annex A” attachment accompanying this letter.⁵

Therefore, we respectfully recommend that I/M program to promote “efficient and safe” operation of motor vehicle to be considered by the honorable Legislators in crafting any laws that concerns transportation.

implement national motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program that will promote efficient and safe operation of all motor vehicles. In this regard, the DTI shall develop and implement standards and procedures for the certification of training institutions, instructors and facilities and the licensing of qualified private service centers and their technicians as prerequisite for performing the testing, servicing, repair and the required adjustment to the vehicle emission system. The DTI shall likewise prescribe regulations requiring the disclosure of odometer readings and the use of tamper resistant odometers for all motor vehicles including tamper-resistant fuel management systems for the effective implementation of the inspection and maintenance program.”

² https://www.who.int/health-topics/air-pollution#tab=tab_1 “Air pollution kills an estimated seven million people worldwide every year.” In contrast to [Global status report on road safety 2018 \(who.int\)](https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/global-status-report-on-road-safety-2018) “the number of annual road traffic deaths has reached 1.35 million.”

³ LTO MC AVT 2024-1855 “Inspection of Public Utility Buses” dated 2 June 2014 “First inspection shall be conducted prior to the registration of the motor vehicle. A second inspection shall be conducted subsequently six (6) months from the first inspection.”

⁴ RA 8749 Section 21-d: “In order to ensure the substantial reduction of emissions from motor vehicles ... xxx”

⁵ ANNEX “A” Automotive Parts, Components, and Assemblies Affecting Emission Discharge.

- Pertinent to the guiding principle of “polluters must pay” recognized by the State,⁶ we support HB08438, 10696, 10816, and 10918 espoused by Hon. Cong. Lordan Suan, Camille Villar, Salvador Pleyto, and Christopherson Yap, respectively, where the MV registration validity period is shortened as the motor vehicle aged. Common experience dictates that MVs’ mechanism naturally depreciates and its performance deteriorate through wear-and-tear from frequent use. MVs’ emission control devises are also subject to wear-and-tear, and therefore as the motor vehicle aged, it will contribute more to air pollution, necessitating that a higher registration premium be paid by the owner/ operator to continuously use their aged motor vehicle.

We respectfully suggest that the Legislators and Transport Committee TWG look into the motor vehicle registration data where Euro-2/II and pre-Euro MVs comprises the majority of MVs on the streets, which contributes more pollutions than Euro 4/IV or higher emission tiered motor vehicles. We respectfully recommend that the State through legislation, guided by the principles of emission reduction, environmental protection and preservation, should favor the higher tiered emission compliant MVs more than the lower-tiered emission standard vehicles.

This can be done by shortening the validity period of motor vehicle registration of aged vehicles and increasing the frequency of its obligatory inspection and testing. Further recommended that, the current or higher-tiered emission level compliant motor vehicles be allowed the privilege of longer registration validity period.

Below table is an illustration of our recommendations:

Emission Tier	Renewal Validity	Inspection & Emission Testing
Cars, SUVs, UVs, Motorcycles		
Lower Emission Tier than Current Standard	1 year	Annual
Current Emission Standard (Euro 4/IV or higher)	3 years	Annual, after the 3 rd year
Trucks, Public Utility Vehicles		
Lower Emission Tier than Current Standard	1 year	Bi-annual* ⁷
Current Emission Standard (Euro 4/IV or higher)	3 years	Annual

- Generally, aged vehicles will contribute more to air pollution than newer ones. However, periodic and proper maintenance done religiously, and rebuilding/ remanufacturing process⁸ to correct wear-and-tear

⁶ RA 8749 Section 2: **Declaration of Principles:** “The State also recognizes the principle that “polluters must pay”.

⁷ See LTO Admin Order ACL-2009-018 “Revised Administrative Order on the New Motor Vehicle Inspection System and Promulgating the Rules and Regulations Thereof” Section 5.2: “Frequency of Inspection.” Land Transportation Office (LTO) recognizes that freight vehicles and those used for public conveyance should be subjected to regular bi-annual inspection because of the nature of their operations.

that restore efficient and safe operations also directly help in the reduction of air pollution.⁹ Suffice to say that a well-maintained vehicle of lower-tiered emission standard will not pollute as much as a higher-tiered emission standard vehicle that is not properly maintained.

Should the honorable Legislators push through with graduated registration validity period based on age of vehicles, we respectfully recommend that DTI's program on automotive maintenance should also be looked into, that the I/M program mandating safe and efficient MV operations should be implemented, and that properly and periodically maintained, rebuilt, and remanufactured vehicles be incentivized while improperly maintained MVs be dissuaded in order to enforce owners/operators' responsibilities and obligations on vehicle maintenance for mitigation and reduction of air pollution.

5. We unswervingly support Hon. Cong. Midy Cua and the Honorable Congressmen on their proposal to make motor vehicle renewal a convenient and stress-free task for motor vehicle owners. The registration validity period can be extended to three years without neglecting the obligation of MV owners to maintain their vehicles to comply with the requirements of Clean Air Act as expounded under Section 21-d, discussed above.

As LTO registration service modernizes by adoption of user-friendly technology and seamless connectivity with stakeholders, the convenience of MV owners will be well-served. However, inspection and testing of emission has to be physically conducted on the motor vehicle, an activity that need not be burdensome if the motor vehicle is properly and periodically maintained. We respectfully posit that "efficient and safe operation of motor vehicle" is a requirement of the Law that our honorable legislators should consider and incorporate in the amendments of RA 4136.

To repeat our position, motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program is the joint responsibility of three agencies, namely: DTI, DENR, and DOTr as expounded under Section 21-d of RA 8749, Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999. Prolonging the validity of registration should also enforce the obligation of owners/operators to properly perform I/M as mandated by the Law.

6. Electric vehicle population is expected to expand in coming years. While by definition EVs are included in the I/M, there is a different set of standards for battery safety and performance inspection. Inspection for roadworthiness as a prerequisite to the renewal of registration which in the case of EVs pertains to battery safety and performance, is currently non-existent in the Philippines. We respectfully suggest that the Legislators look into this situation of enabling EV's "safe and efficient operation" that is tied to the renewal of registration.¹⁰

⁸ Remanufacturing process is a method in a Circular Economy aimed to reduce carbon footprint which is advocated by the UN Framework on Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), and other major international bodies participated by the Philippines. Ref: <https://www.un.org/en/global-issues/climate-change>; https://www.apec.org/meeting-papers/annual-ministerial-meetings/2011/2011_amm

⁹ There are DTI programs concerning automotive servicing, among them, Presidential Degree 1572 "Empowering the Secretary of Trade to Regulate and Control the Operation of Service and Repair Enterprise for Motor Vehicles, Heavy Equipment, and Engines xxx"; DTI DAO No. 8 Series of 2003 "Guidelines for the Mandatory Accreditation of Rebuilding Centers." Under Section 2: "Objectives: (a.) To assure the public that all rebuilt trucks are safe and roadworthy and meet the standard of exhaust emission; (b.) To develop technical and management expertise in truck rebuilding to pave way for rebuilding program covering other types of motor vehicles."

¹⁰ Connected to achieving EV's roadworthiness is the availability of aftermarket repairs and maintenance. In line with objectives of Sec.6 of RA 11697 EVIDA Law to develop human technical resources, meaning EV technicians adept in repairs and maintenance, technical manuals should be made publicly available through the "right-to-repair" legislation.

7. Extending the validity of registration by a year or more for public convenience does not necessarily unburden the owners and operators of the annual fees imposed under the MVUC Law or its proposed amendments, the MVRUT Bill.

RA 8794 “Motor Vehicle User’s Charge (MVUC) Law” Section 3 mandates the annual collection of motor vehicle user’s charge by LTO. The House-approved MVRUT bill (Motor Vehicle Road User’s Tax) which seek to reform and replaced MVUC also prescribed the annual payment of road user’s tax, to be paid upon the motor vehicle’s registration renewal.¹¹

We respectfully suggest that the honorable Lawmakers look into the situation and provide workable, acceptable solutions, where the accumulated annual fees might be viewed by the public to cost more than paying it annually. From a practical perspective, shedding a smaller amount will not be as burdensome as shelling out an accumulated larger amount.

The proposed amendments on RA 4136 “Land Transportation Act” open opportunities to all stakeholders and the public review the current situation, introduce changes and beneficial improvements. PETCOA hope that our suggestions and comments will be considered by the honorable lawmakers in the crafting of the amendments.

Respectfully yours,



BERNARDO S. CHANG, JR.

Chairman, PETCOA

¹¹ House Bill 9647 of the 19th Congress “Motor Vehicle Road User’s Tax” amending Section 3 and 4 of RA 8794: “(a.) MANNER OF PAYMENT – The Motor Vehicle Road User’s Tax shall be paid to the LTO annually upon registration, conformably with regulations issued jointly by the Department of Finance (DOF) and the Department of Transportation (DOTr). (b.) MANNER OF COLLECTION OF REVENUES – The Motor Vehicle Road User’s Tax shall be collected by the LTO as part of the annual vehicle registration in accordance with the rates ser forth in Section 3 hereof. The dates of annual registration of motor vehicles shall be based on the registration scheme provided by the LTO.”

ANNEX "A"

Automotive Parts, Components, and Assemblies Affecting Emission Discharge

WHY PERIODIC MAINTENANCE SHOULD BE REQUIRED EVEN IF ONLY EMISSION TEST IS CONDUCTED?

The following are the parts, components, and assemblies that affect engine performance and contribute the amount of emission discharge.

1. **Clutch system** – improper functioning of clutch system known as sliding clutch prevents the efficient transfer of power from the engine to the transmission, then to the differential gears that drives the motor vehicle. The driver tends to rev the engine to attain a higher RPM than normal in order to reach the required torque (power), resulting in greater combustion and higher discharge of emission.
2. **Brake system** – improper operation of brake system known as brake drag puts extra load to the vehicle because the brake cylinder or brake rotor is not completely released even if the foot is not pressing the brake pedal. The brake pads touching the surface of brake cylinder or rotor creates surface friction as if the vehicle is on brake. The engine needs extra power to push or move the vehicle resulting into higher emission discharge.
3. **Engine and Transmission Leaks** – Oil leaks from the engine or transmission, coolant leaks from the radiator and engine cooling assemblies negatively affects engine performance (less lubricants in the engine or transmission, more friction on moving parts resulting to inefficiency of engine performance) and therefore contributes to the increase in exhaust emission discharge.
4. **Tires and wheels** – underinflated tires and tires with spent grooves give additional load for the vehicle because too much of the tire surface area touches the road which increase friction. Friction of tires on the road surface increases drag and a counter force to momentum thus requiring more power from the engine to maintain force, thus resulting to higher emission discharge.
5. **Fuel tank and cap** – gas vapor escapes from a loose/faulty fuel cap and a leaking fuel tank. This is not an emission discharge from the engine but it is also an emission discharge directly from the fuel storage. Escaped gas vapor is toxic has a great impact on the quality of the air we breathe.
6. **Fuel lines and hoses** – gas vapor also escapes from leaking fuel lines and hoses. Danger of spontaneous fires when exposed to sparks. This is not only an emission/pollution problem.
7. **Exhaust pipe** – exhaust gases leak between the engine and the tailpipe is known as exhaust leak. This leak can throw off sensors which may cause the engine to burn too much or not enough fuel which will result in a "high emission discharge" or "low power" situation. This leak is also bad for the environment because the exhaust gases are often release into the air before they pass through the exhaust emission control devices like catalytic converter or diesel particulate diffuser (DPD).
8. **Emission control device** (DPD and catalytic converter) – is a device that limits the discharge noxious gases from the engine. Defective emission control device (clogging, materials damage) greatly affects the emission discharge of the vehicle. Defective sensors that read emission discharges, which can be diagnosed by an electronic diagnostic devise, can also greatly affects emission discharges.

9. **Panel Gauges** – the instruments in the panel gauges should be functional and working well. Panel gauge instruments indicators gives warning if a vehicle certain component is defective, say: engine, exhaust system, tire pressure, and others. This is also a must-see inspection item related to emission specially if the motor vehicle operations systems are electronically managed and/or controlled.
10. **Additional items installed/modified to the vehicle that will increase the vehicle weight** – added weight to the vehicle means additional power will be required from the engine. Higher power required from the engine will result to higher emission discharge. The engine power capacity might not be originally designed to accommodate the increase in vehicle load.

Vehicle and its engine capacity is originally designed to carry certain limited load. Increasing the size of tire, size of cargo or passenger bay, converting it into camper van, or any modification that will increase the size and weight, will affect engine performance and therefore increase combustion and pollution.

11. **Changed Engine** – emission volume is affected if the new engine installed (changed engine) is not of the same capacity, design, and emission rating as the old engine that has been replaced. Engines are designed for specific load capacity and matched to the original body configuration where it passes the type approval testing. Changed engine that does not matched the original engine specifications will result to an increase in combustion and therefore contributes to more air pollution.
12. **Computer-Managed Engine and Assemblies** – nowadays, most automobiles and trucks' combustion and safety components like brake, speed, maneuverability are computer-managed/controlled. Vehicle performance is totally dependent on the proper functioning of these computer systems and programs (local parlance called computer box.) Defects in sensors and programming glitches caused by misuse or normal wear-and-tear will affect its proper functioning, and if sensors are involved, emission level may exceed the allowable limit.

Therefore, On-Board-Diagnostics (OBD) is a crucial tool in the inspection of computer-managed motor vehicles to determine if these vehicles' engines and assemblies are functioning normally.



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

October 21, 2024

MR. BERNARDO S. CHANG, JR.

Chairman

Private Emission Testing Center
Owner's Association (PETCOA)

Dear **Mr. Chang**:

Warmest greetings!

The Committee on Transportation will be holding a Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting on October 28, 2024 (Monday), 10:00 A.M. at Conference Rooms 1 & 2, Ramon V. Mitra Building, House of Representatives, Quezon City to deliberate on the following measures:

1. HB No. 7404 - AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERIOD OF VALIDITY FOR REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE" (Rep. Midy N. Cua)
2. HB No. 8438 - AN ACT FIXING THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY FOR REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECTIONS 8 AND 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE ACT" (Rep. Lordin G. Suan)
3. HB No. 10696 - AN ACT FIXING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE", (Rep. Camille Villar)
4. HB No. 10816 - AN ACT INCREASING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF MOTOR VEHICLES' CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION FROM THREE (3) YEARS TO FIVE (5) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE", (Rep. Salvador A. Pleyto)
5. HB No. 10918 - AN ACT FIXING THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AMENDING

FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC
CODE", (Rep. Christopherson "Coco" M. Yap)

In this regard, we would like to respectfully invite you to participate in the meeting and share your views, comments, updates or recommendations.

We would like to reiterate the request of the Committee Chairman for the submission of your position paper on the said proposed measure, if you have not yet submitted one. If you wish to introduce any amendment for consideration of the TWG, we suggest you provide the necessary wordings or text in order to expedite our proceedings.

Attached herewith is the Agenda of the Meeting.

Kindly confirm your attendance through the contact information provided below and/or through our Committee Staff: Ms. Aurora Zuasola at 09298893348 and Mr. Dinijuhn Ledonio at 09271347922 or through committee.transportation@house.gov.ph.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

REP. MIDY N. CUA
TWG Chairperson

For the TWG Chairperson:



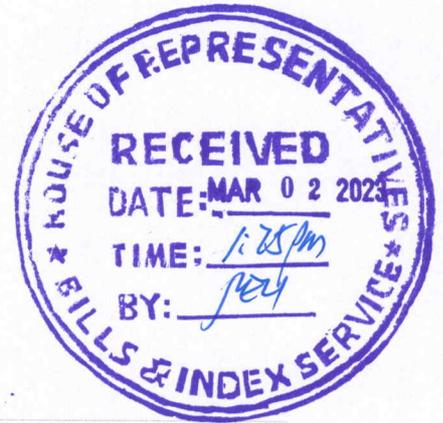
ATTY. JOHN FRANCIS PANONCILLO
Committee Secretary



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. 7404



Introduced by Representative Midy N. Cua
Lone District, Quirino

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERIOD OF VALIDITY FOR REGISTRATION
CERTIFICATES OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
“LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE”**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to extend the validity of certificates of registration to three (3) years. Except for newly purchased automobiles, all motor vehicles apply for renewal of their certificate of registration every year. While the whole process typically only takes a few hours, most vehicle owners must take a leave of absence from work to process their application.

By extending the validity of certificates of registration, motor vehicle owners can avoid missing work and preserve their leaves of absence for others matters. Furthermore, businessowners using motor vehicles will reduce the number of days when their motor vehicles are unavailable.

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


MIDY N. CUA
Representative
Lone District, Quirino



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. 7404

Introduced by Representative Midy N. Cua
Lone District, Quirino

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERIOD OF VALIDITY FOR REGISTRATION
CERTIFICATES OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
“LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE”**

*Be it 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 “*Three Year Vehicle Registration Act.*”

SEC. 2. Issuance of Certificates of Registration – Section 14 of Republic Act No. 4136 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 14. Issuance of Certificates of Registration. – A properly numbered certificate of registration shall be issued for each separate motor vehicle after due inspection and payment of corresponding registration fees.

EVERY CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION SHALL BE VALID FOR THREE (3) YEARS, UNLESS SOONER REVOKED OR SUSPENDED.”

SEC. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Land Transportation Office, shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

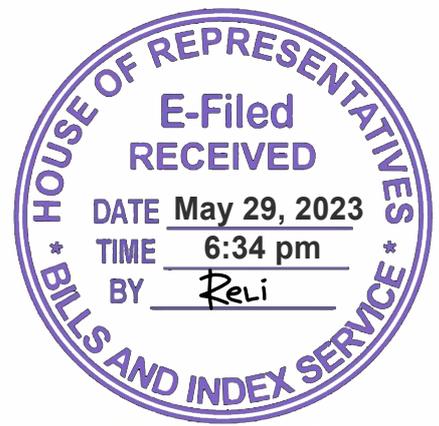
SEC. 6. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL No. 8438



Introduced by Representative LORDAN G. SUAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In our society, motor vehicle owners and drivers, whether public or private, play an essential role in our economy and community. Public transport drivers play a crucial role in helping individuals and communities access jobs, education, healthcare, and other essential services. In addition to their economic contribution, drivers also play a significant role in our community. Private drivers help to connect families and friends who live far apart or are unable to travel on their own. This connection strengthens family ties and supports social relationships, which is vital for the well-being of our society.

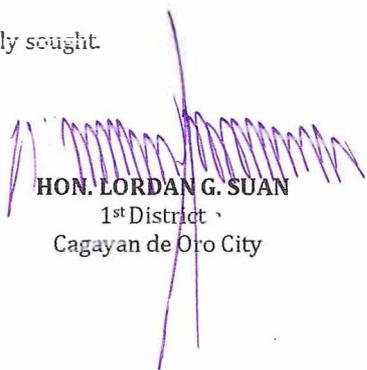
However, in this challenging era, motor vehicle expenses such as maintenance and oil price increase unpredictably due to many causes e.g. inflation, climate change, and global demand. Extending the validity of motor vehicle registrations will help lessen financial and psychological distress to our motor vehicle owners and drivers.

By extending motor vehicle registration, this bill will help motor vehicle owners and drivers save registration renewal fees in the long run, they will also be able to avoid late fees as they won't miss the deadline for renewal. It will also save time for the owners and drivers and avoid interruption of services due to the renewal process of their certificate registration.

This bill would also decrease the administrative burden on motor vehicle owners and drivers. Currently, they are required to renew their registration annually, which can be time-consuming and even stressful for especially forgetful individuals. The extension will reduce the amount of paperwork they need to keep track of and the number of times they need to visit the LTO registration offices in person. This reduction in administrative burden could benefit drivers' mental health and well-being.

As such we should give precedence to this bill, as motor vehicle owners and drivers, both public and private, play a significant role in our economy and community, their work is invaluable. We must appreciate and support them to ensure that they can continue to provide this essential service.

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


HON. LORDAN G. SUAN
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Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL No. 8438

Introduced by Representative LORDAN G. SUAN

AN ACT FIXING THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY FOR REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECTIONS 8 AND 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE ACT"

Be it 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 "Extended Motor Vehicle Registration Act."

SEC. 2. Section 8 of the Republic Act No. 4136 first paragraph is hereby amended to read as follows:

Schedule of registration fees. – Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Act, each application for renewal registration of motorcycle vehicles shall be accompanied by ~~an annual~~ registration fee in accordance with the following schedule:

SEC. 3. Section 14 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 14. Certificates of Registration

- A. ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION.** – A PROPERLY NUMBERED CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION SHALL BE ISSUED FOR EACH SEPARATE MOTOR VEHICLE AFTER DUE INSPECTION AND PAYMENT OF CORRESPONDING REGISTRATION FEES.
- B. VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION.** – THE VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION IS FIVE (5) YEARS FOR BRAND-NEW MOTOR VEHICLES AND THREE YEARS (3) FOR BRAND-NEW MOTORCYCLES AND SHOULD BE RENEWED AFTERWARD UNLESS SOONER REVOKED OR SUSPENDED.
- C. RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION.** – RENEWED CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION'S VALIDITY AS FOLLOW:

Motor Vehicles' Age	Renewal Validity
1. 5-7 years	3 years
2. 8-9 years	2 years
3. 10 years above	1 year

Motorcycles' Age	Renewal Validity
1. 3-7 years	2 years
2. 8 years above	1 year

THE RENEWED CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION SHALL REMAIN VALID UNLESS SOONER REVOKED OR SUSPENDED.

SEC. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Land Transportation Office, shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 12. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of other provisions hereof.

SEC. 13. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 14. Effectively. – This Act shall take effect fifteen days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
Third Regular Session

House Bill No. **10696**



Introduced by Representative Camille A. Villar

**AN ACT FIXING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF CERTIFICATES OF
REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE "LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE"**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Representation recognizes the predicament of motor vehicle owners who troop to Land Transportation Office renewal centers every year to renew their motor vehicle registrations. This annual occurrence entails the use of precious time and resources, both financial and non-financial, by millions of motor vehicle owners.

This proposed measure seeks to extend the validity of the original and renewed certificates of registration of motor vehicles from their current validity period to alleviate this situation.

With this measure, this Representation hopes that motor vehicle owners will save on costs, time and energy from having to renew the certificates of registration of motor vehicles annually depending on the age of their motor vehicles. The same aspiration is also envisioned for the Government from the decreased administrative costs in handling such registrations.

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

Camille A. Villar
CAMILLE A. VILLAR

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
Third Regular Session

House Bill No. **10696**

Introduced by Representative Camille A. Villar

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REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE “LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE”**

Be it 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 “*Extended Motor Vehicle Registration Act of 2024*”.

SEC. 2. Issuance of Certificates of Registration - Section 14 of Republic Act No. 4136 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 14. Issuance of Certificates of Registration. - A properly numbered certificate of registration shall be issued for each separate motor vehicle after due inspection and payment of corresponding registration fees.

A. VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION. – THE VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION IS FIVE (5) YEARS FOR BRAND-NEW MOTOR VEHICLES AND THREE (3) YEARS FOR BRAND-NEW MOTORCYCLES.

B. RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION. – THE RENEWED CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION SHALL HAVE A VALIDITY PERIOD AS FOLLOWS:

MOTOR VEHICLE’S AGE

RENEWAL VALIDITY

1. 5-7 YEARS

3 YEARS

MOTORCYCLE'S AGE

RENEWAL VALIDITY

1. 3-7 YEARS

2 YEARS

2. 8 YEARS AND ABOVE

1 YEAR

EVERY CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION SHALL BE VALID UNLESS SOONER REVOKED OR SUSPENDED."

SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Land Transportation Office, shall promulgate the rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, circulars, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
Third Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 10816



Introduced by: **REP. SALVADOR A. PLEYTO, SR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Owning a vehicle is no longer a luxury, but rather a necessity. It is an important asset that caters to various needs of people, whether it is for transportation, commuting purposes, or delivery of goods and products.

Most of the average households in the country own and maintain a vehicle primarily because of the above-said purposes. As such, the vehicle owner must adhere to the fact that apart from its regular maintenance and occasional repair, one of the most challenging predicaments of owning a vehicle is the annual registration with the Land Transportation Office (LTO).

This proposed measure seeks to lessen the burden of owning a vehicle by allowing for a longer validity period of its registration. The vehicle owner may register his motor vehicle with a longer validity, depending on the age of the vehicle. This will help save motor vehicle owners time and effort to register. This will also result to the reduction of the administrative costs of the LTO in handling the registration.

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


SALVADOR A. PLEYTO, SR.

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
Third Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **10816**

Introduced by: **REP. SALVADOR A. PLEYTO, SR.**

**AN ACT INCREASING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF MOTOR VEHICLES'
CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION FROM THREE (3) YEARS TO FIVE (5)
YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.
4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC
CODE"**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title – This Act shall be known as the “Extended Motor Vehicle Registration Act of 2024”.

SEC. 2. Certificate of Registration – Section 14 of Republic Act No. 4136 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 14. Issuance of Certificates of Registration. – A properly numbered certificate of registration shall be issued for each separate motor vehicle after due inspection and payment of corresponding registration fees.

A. VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION. – THE VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION IS FIVE (5) YEARS FOR BRAND-NEW MOTOR VEHICLES AND THREE (3) YEARS FOR BRAND-NEW MOTORCYCLES.

B. RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION. – THE RENEWED CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION SHALL HAVE A VALIDITY PERIOD AS FOLLOWS:

MOTOR VEHICLE'S AGE	RENEWAL VALIDITY
1. 5-7 YEARS	3 YEARS
2. 8-9 YEARS	2 YEARS

3. 10 YEARS AND ABOVE **1 YEAR**

MOTOR VEHICLE'S AGE **RENEWAL VALIDITY**

1. 3-7 YEARS **2 YEARS**

2. 8 YEARS AND ABOVE **1 YEAR**

EVERY CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION SHALL BE VALID UNLESS SOONER REVOKED OR SUSPENDED.

SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Land Transportation Office, shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause*.- All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, ordinances, rules and regulation, and other issuances or part thereof which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. *Separability Clause* – If for any reason any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

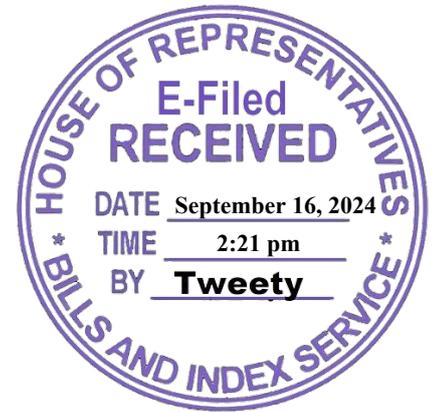
SEC. 10. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

Nineteenth Congress
Third Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 10918



Introduced by Representative Christopherson “Coco” M. Yap

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to fix the period of validity of certificates of registration of motor vehicles amending for this purpose Republic Act No. 4136, otherwise known as the Land Transportation and Traffic Code.

Motor vehicles play a crucial role in the daily lives of Filipino, whether for commuting, transporting goods, or providing essential services. Many Filipino households own and regularly use motor vehicles, making vehicle registration a significant responsibility.

Currently, motor vehicle owners must renew their registration annually with the Land Transportation Office (LTO). This process imposes both time and financial burdens on vehicle owners, as well as creating administrative challenges for the LTO.

This proposed measure aims to amend the existing law by the validity period of vehicle registration certificates and its renewal. The proposed extension will be based on the age of the vehicle. By increasing the registration period, this bill seeks to alleviate the administrative load on the LTO and other relevant agencies. This adjustment is expected to lead to more efficient allocation of resources, improved service quality, and reduced wait times for other critical services.

Moreover, extending the validity of the registration of motor vehicles will save vehicle owners time and money, as they will no longer need to renew their registrations annually. This change may also encourage greater compliance with registration requirements.

In light of these considerations, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


CHRISTOPHERSON "COCO" M. YAP

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

Nineteenth Congress
Third Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 10918

Introduced by Representative Christopherson “Coco” M. Yap

AN ACT
FIXING THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATES OF
REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE “LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE”

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 14 of Republic Act No. 4136 is hereby amended to
2 read as follows:

3 “SECTION 14. *Issuance of Certificates of Registration* - A properly
4 numbered certificate of registration shall be issued for each separate motor
5 vehicle after due inspection and payment of corresponding registration
6 fees.

7 **THE VALIDITY OF THE CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION**
8 **SHALL BE FIVE (5) YEARS FOR BRAND-NEW MOTOR**
9 **VEHICLES AND FOUR YEARS (4) FOR BRAND-NEW**

1 SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, orders, ordinances, and other issuances or part thereof
2 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

3 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
4 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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