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HOUSE BILL NO. 1774



Introduced by Representative Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Embodied under Article II, Section 5 of the 1987 Constitution is the policy of the State to maintain peace and order, to protect life, liberty, and property, and to promote the general welfare of its citizenry.

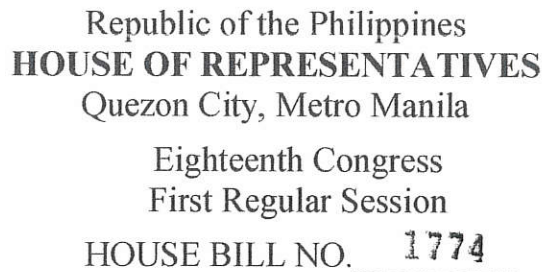
In a bid to prevent crime the commission of crimes with the help of motorcycles, Republic Act No. 11235 was enacted in 2019. This law requires all motorcycles to have larger, more readable, color-coded number plates and identification marks. It also orders that such bigger plate, visible at a distance of at least fifteen (15) meters, be mounted on both the front and back sides of the motorcycle.

While the law recognizes the importance of maintaining peace and order, the requirement of a bigger plate on the front panel of motorcycles heightens the risk of accidents to the rider and to pedestrians more than it serves the goal of preventing the commission of crimes. In the event of a collision or accident, there is a likelihood for the front plate number to fly off from its mounting bars. Moreover, the installation of said plate number in front changes not only the appearance but also the aerodynamics of the motorcycle. Thus, it can also render the manufacturer's warranty void.

The plates cannot be readily attached on the front panel of most motorcycles in the Philippines. The costs of the installation would then have to be shouldered by the motorists themselves, thus, giving them an additional burden.

For the foregoing reasons, it is deemed unreasonable to fully implement Sec. 5 of said Act. In view of the vital importance of its amendment, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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1 AN ACT
2 AMENDING SECTION 5 AND SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.
3 11235, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “*MOTORCYCLE CRIME*
4 *PREVENTION ACT*”

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11 SEC. 2. ***Declaration of Policy.*** – Cognizant of the need to strengthen the
12 government’s crime prevention efforts without compromising the safety of
13 motorcycle riders and pedestrians in the country, it is hereby declared the policy
14 of the State to promote the general welfare of the Filipino people by revoking
15 the requirement of bigger, readable, and color-coded number plates and
16 identification marks attached on the front panel of all motorcycles in the
17 country.

21 “SEC. 5. The LTO shall issue a readable number plate for every
22 motorcycle. The LTO shall, in the implementing rules and
23 regulations (IRR) of this Act, shall determine the font style and size
24 of the bigger, readable and color-coded number plates: *Provided,*
25 That the contents of the number plate shall be readable from THE
26 BACK AND THE SIDE OF THE MOTORCYCLE FROM A
27 DISTANCE OF AT LEAST TWELVE (12) METERS.

1 The LTO shall also devise a color scheme of the readable number
2 plates for every region in the Philippines where a motorcycle is
3 registered for quick and easy identification.

4 The readable number plate shall be displayed at THE BACK SIDE
5 OF THE MOTORCYCLE AND SHALL BE MADE OF
6 SUITABLE AND DURABLE MATERIAL AS DETERMINED
7 BY THE LTO.

8 The utilization of voluntary and paid labor from prisoners shall be
9 among the requirements to bid for the procurement of the number
10 plates under this Act.”

11 SEC. 4. *Prohibition on Sale and Importation of Non-Compliant*
12 *Motorcycles.* — Sec. 14 of Republic Act No. 11235 shall be amended to read as
13 follows:

14 “SEC. 14. Prohibition on Sale and Importation of Non-Compliant
15 Motorcycles. — No person, whether natural or juridical, shall be
16 allowed to sell motorcycles, as defined under Section 3(c) of this
17 Act, unless such motorcycle has the capability to bear and showcase
18 a readable number plate as required under Section 5 of this Act.

19 Furthermore, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) shall not allow the
20 importation into the country of motorcycles, as defined under
21 Section 3(c) of this Act, whose design will impede the placement of
22 the required number plate ON THE BACK SIDE OF THE
23 MOTORCYCLES firmly and securely.

24 Any motorcycle which does not have any capability to bear and
25 showcase the required readable number plate shall not be allowed to
26 be registered with the LTO.”

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28 SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
29 regulations or other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions
30 of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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32 SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* — If any portion or provision of this Act is
33 declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not
34 affected thereby shall remain in force and in effect.

1 SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
2 following the completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a
3 newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

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