



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4767

BY REPRESENTATIVES MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, MONTORO, SALIMBANGON, SANTOS-RECTO, SUANSING (E.), SUANSING (H.), TAN (A.), VILLAR, PINEDA, ROMERO, ARAGONES, ACOP, BERTIZ, SALCEDA, OAMINAL, DALIPE, ABU, FERRIOL-PASCUAL, ANDAYA, ERMITA-BUHAIN, AGLIPAY-VILLAR, PRIMICIAS-AGABAS, TAMBUNTING, CASTELO, ROMUALDEZ, GONZALES (A.P.), GARCIA (G.), PIMENTEL, CUEVA, RODRIGUEZ (M.), SY-ALVARADO, SAMBAR, BOLILIA, SAVELLANO, ANTONIO, DEL MAR, NIETO, VIOLAGO, NOGRALES (J.), COSALAN, CERAFICA, MARIÑO, DY, LEE, BELARO, PALMA, BARBERS, PANGANIBAN, MENDING, BELMONTE (R.), PADUANO, FORTUNO, ORTEGA (V.), DEL ROSARIO, MARCOS, VELASCO-CATERA, TY, GO (M.), SALO, ROA-PUNO, TUPAS, ROMAN, PANCHO, MANGAOANG, GO (A.C.), DAZA, ALBANO, HERRERA-DY, CANAMA, SARMIENTO (E.), SALON, FARIÑAS, GOMEZ, KHO, BATAOIL, SIAO, REVILLA, VILLARICA, ABELLANOSA, BAGATSING, VARGAS-ALFONSO, DELOSO-MONTALLA, CERILLES, LACSON, SILVERIO, TINIO, ARENAS, ERIGUEL, ROMUALDO, TURABIN-HATAMAN, LAZATIN, YAP (V.), VILLARIN, VILLAFUERTE, LOBREGAT, UY (R.), EUSEBIO, CHAVEZ, FLORES, CORTUNA, HOFER, LOYOLA, MADRONA, DALOG, BATOCABE, BRAVO (A.) AND ALVAREZ (P.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 48

AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE (R.A. NO. 8239), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996"

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

SECTION 1. Section 10 of Republic Act No. 8239, otherwise known as the “Philippine Passport Act of 1996”, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 10. *Validity.* – Regular passports issued under this Act shall be valid for a period of [five (5)] **TEN (10)** years: *Provided, however,* That the issuing authority may limit the period of validity to less than [five (5)] **TEN (10)** years[;] whenever in the national economic interest or political stability of the country such restriction is necessary, **OR IN THE CASE OF MINORS BELOW EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE:** *Provided, finally,* That a new passport may be issued to replace one which validity has expired, the old passport being returned to the holder after cancellation.”

SEC. 2. If any part or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions or parts not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 3. All other laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,

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