

# [ PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 843, December 12, 1975 ]

## AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE BY INCREASING THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE ON PRIVATE AUTOMOBILES AND IMPOSING AN AD VALOREM TAX THEREON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the increase in the price of oil, the cost of petroleum imports has arisen from P2.2 billion in 1972 to P7.2 billion in 1974, thus adversely affecting the country's balance of payments position;

**WHEREAS**, there is need to discourage uneconomic consumption of fuel;

**WHEREAS**, there is also need for additional revenue to support economic development.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I FERDINAND E. MARCOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree the following: SECTION 1. Section 8 of Republic Act No. 4136, as amended is hereby amended to read as follows:

**"SEC. 8. Schedule of Registration Fees.**—Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Act, each application for the registration of motor vehicles shall be subject to an annual registration fee in accordance with the following schedule:

- a. Private automobiles, with the exception of sports cars, with pneumatic rubber tires, an amount based on their respective shipping weight or factory weight as indicated in the following schedule:

1000 Kilos or less	P110.00
1001 to 1,500 Kilos	200.00
1501 to 2,000 Kilos	385.00
2001 Kilos and above	630.00

The factory or shipping weight of a private automobile shall be obtained from the Red Book edited by the National Market Report Inc., of the United States of America: *Provided further*, That in the case of automobiles with altered, changed or rebuilt bodies, the weight as obtained by actual weighing shall be considered the vehicle weight. *Provided, furthermore*, That the increased registration fees herein prescribed shall not apply to cars, jeeps and jeepneys for hire and those falling under special "S" classifications for which the fees shall be those prescribed before the approval of this Decree.

In the case of sports cars, regardless of weight, the registration fee shall be One Thousand Pesos (P1000.00). For the purpose, "sports car" refers to a high-powered vehicle, usually a two-seater, especially manufactured for speed. In the case of private jeeps and jeepneys not for hire the annual registration fee, regardless of the weight of the vehicle, shall be P110.00.

The registered passenger capacity of passenger automobiles operated for hire or for private use shall be determined as follows:

1. For each adult passenger, a horizontal rectangular area, including seat and feet space, not less than thirty-five centimeters wide and sixty centimeters long, except in the front seat, which shall allow an area fifty centimeters wide for the operator.
  2. For each half passenger, a horizontal rectangular area, including seat and feet space, not less than seventeen and a half centimeters wide by sixty centimeters long, provided that each continuous row of seats shall not be allowed to have more than one-half passenger.
- b. Private motor trucks, passenger buses and trailers with pneumatic rubber tires, the sum of five pesos for every hundred kilograms of maximum allowable gross weight or fraction thereof.
  - c. Private motor trucks, passenger buses and trailers with solid rubber tires or with part-solid and part-pneumatic rubber tires, the sum of seven pesos for every hundred kilograms of maximum allowable gross weight or fraction thereof.
  - d. Private motorcycles and scooters of two or three wheels and bicycles with motor attachments, the sum of thirty pesos.
  - e. The fee for registration of motor vehicles for hire shall be sixty per cent more than the fee prescribed for private motor vehicles of the same category.
  - f. The fee for registration of diesel-oil-consuming vehicles shall be fifty per cent more than that of vehicles using motor fuel other than diesel oil. The fee for registration of motor vehicles for hire shall be sixty per cent more than the fees prescribed for private motor vehicles.
  - g. No regular registration fees shall be charged for the general registration of motor vehicles contemplated under the dealer's classification: *Provided*, That the Commissioner of Land Transportation shall provide appropriate dealer's number plates corresponding to the classification of vehicles hereinbelow described, and registration fee for every set of such dealer's number plates shall be in accordance with the following schedule of rates:

Two hundred pesos for each truck or trailer;  
One hundred pesos for each passenger automobile; and  
Twenty pesos for each motorcycle and the like.