

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 400, January 18, 2005]

REGULATING THE ASSIGNMENT AND ISSUANCE OF LOW-NUMBERED (PROTOCOL) LICENSE PLATES TO MOTOR VEHICLES USED BY OFFICIALS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, in 1978, then President Ferdinand E. Marcos issued Executive Order No. 505 revoking EO No. 287 series of 1959 and EO No. 374 series of 1960, issued by the President Carlos P. Garcia assigning low-numbered/protocol plates to officials of the Republic of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, throughout the years, certain officials have received exemptions for them to use low-numbered/protocol plates on their motor vehicles resulting in the proliferation of these plates;

WHEREAS, the above exemptions have led to the use of low-numbered/protocol plates supplied by unknown sources for motor vehicles of certain officials, specifically, the use of number six (6), seven (7), and eight (8) by Cabinet Secretaries, Senators and Congressmen respectively;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide a uniform system of assignment and issuance of low-numbered/protocol license plates to high-ranking government officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The following officials shall be entitled to the use of low-numbered/protocol license plates:

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| President of the Republic of the Philippines and/or PANGULO | 1 |
| Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines | 2 |
| Senate President | 3 |
| Speaker of the House Representatives | 4 |
| Chief Justice of the Supreme Court | 5 |
| Cabinet Secretary | 6 |
| Senator | 7 |
| Congressman | 8 |
| Associate Justices of the Supreme Court | 9 |
| Presiding Justice and other Justices of the Court of Appeals | 10 |
| Chairman of the Commission on | 11 |