

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1911, March 23, 1984]

AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED RECOVERED AND IMPOUNDED CARNAPPED MOTOR VEHICLES AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-CARNAPPING ACT OF 1972.

WHEREAS, as a result of the government's unrelenting campaign against carnapping, several carnapped or stolen motor vehicles have been recovered by the different law enforcement agencies government;

WHEREAS, some of these motor vehicles which are now impounded in the different impounding centers of the Philippine Constabulary/Integrated National Police have remained impounded and unclaimed for a length of time due to the absence of any claimant thereof;

WHEREAS, the identification of these motor vehicles for the purpose of determining ownership thereof have become difficult, if not impossible, considering that the original numbers of the tampered engine and chasis numbers could no longer be determined and restored;

WHEREAS, the maintenance of such impounded and abandoned vehicles is causing unnecessary expenses to the government, aside from the manpower involved in maintaining these motor vehicles, which could otherwise be channeled to and utilized for other purposes;

WHEREAS, these impounded and unclaimed motor vehicles whose value run to millions of pesos, while thus remaining unclaimed, will progressively deteriorate and will ultimately become totally useless, time constituting economic wastage which should be avoided at all cost. Hence, it is imperative that said vehicles be appropriately and economically disposed of.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree:

SECTION 1.—Two new sections are hereby inserted between Section 12 and 13 of Republic Act No. 6539 to be denominated as Section 12-A and Section 12-B which shall read as follows:

SECTION 12—A.—All carnapped or stolen motor vehicle, recovered and impounded by law enforcement agencies which after a period of three (3) months from the date of its seizure/recovery have remained unclaimed or whose real owners could no longer be determined or established because the original numbers of the motor engine or chasis numbers could no longer be determined and restored, are considered as abandoned motor vehicles and shall be sold and disposed of by the Chief of Constabulary or his authorized representative in a public auction; Provided, That, in all cases before any public auction is effected, there shall be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines or in the place where it was recovered or found, a description of the motor vehicles intended to be auctioned with a notice that after the lapse of one