

# [ **PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1605, November 21, 1978** ]

## **GRANTING THE METROPOLITAN MANILA COMMISSION CERTAIN POWERS RELATED TO TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL IN METROPOLITAN MANILA, PROVIDING PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,**

**WHEREAS**, under Presidential Decree No. 824, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1274, the Metropolitan Manila Commission was created, among others, to act as a central government to establish and administer programs and provide services common to the area, and to establish and operate a transport and traffic center which shall direct traffic activities;

**WHEREAS**, traffic congestion in Metropolitan Manila has reached alarming and critical proportions and the institution of a highly efficient traffic management system particularly relating to traffic violations has become imperative to remove or at least minimize the difficulties, discomfort and inconvenience of the residents and sojourners therein;

**WHEREAS**, it is now high time that the Metropolitan Manila Commission be afforded greater authority and support in carrying out its said responsibility by rationalizing the use of roads, streets and thoroughfares in Metropolitan Manila and penalizing traffic violators to ease the traffic problem;

**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.** The Metropolitan Manila Commission shall have the power to impose fines and otherwise discipline drivers and operators of motor vehicles for violations of traffic laws, ordinances, rules and regulations in Metropolitan Manila in such amounts and under such penalties as are herein prescribed. For this purpose, the powers of the Land Transportation Commission and the Board of Transportation under existing laws over such violations and punishment thereof are hereby transferred to the Metropolitan Manila Commission. When the proper penalty to be imposed is suspension or revocation of driver's license or certificate of public convenience, the Metropolitan Manila Commission or its representatives shall suspend or revoke such license or certificate. The suspended or revoked driver's license or the report of suspension or revocation of the certificate of public convenience shall be sent to the Land Transportation Commission or the Board of Transportation, as the case may be, for their records update.

**SEC. 2.** Operators of public utility motor vehicles or owners of private motor vehicles or their attachments, if any, which shall stall on public roads, streets or thoroughfares in Metropolitan Manila shall pay a fine of two hundred pesos (P200,00) to the Metropolitan Manila Commission, through the city or municipal treasurer of the locality where the vehicles stalled, which shall allocate portions thereof to the local government units of Metropolitan Manila to be used exclusively for traffic management and control activities in that particular local government. In addition thereto, for vehicles towed by traffic enforcement agencies, a towing fee shall be imposed in such amounts as may be determined by the Commission, which