

MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 54

AMENDING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR VEHICLES

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable to change the existing regulations providing for the driving of vehicles on the left side of the road so that the vehicle traffic in the Philippines shall conform with the practice of driving on the right side of the road obtaining in most countries of the world;

WHEREAS, such a change would bring about certain economic advantages to the people of the Philippines in that it would reduce the price of motor vehicles imported into the Philippines from the United States;

WHEREAS, during the present emergency the great majority of the motor vehicles of the United States Army used on the roadways in the Philippines are right-hand driven and the drivers thereof are accustomed to driving on the right side of the road; and

WHEREAS, the present affords the most propitious opportunity to effect this desired change;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, particularly Commonwealth Act No. 671, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, do hereby order:

1. That Section 60 of the Revised Motor Vehicle Law, Act No.

3992, be amended, as it is hereby amended, to read as follows:

"Sec. 60. DRIVE ON RIGHT SIDE OF ROAD. - Unless a different course of action is required in the interest of the safety and security of life, person, or property, or because of unreasonable difficulty of operation in compliance herewith, every person operating a motor vehicle or guiding an animal drawn vehicle on a highway shall pass to the right when meeting persons or vehicles coming toward him, and to the left when overtaking persons or vehicles going the same direction, and, when turning to the left in going from one highway into another, every vehicle shall be conducted to the right of the center of the intersection of the highway".

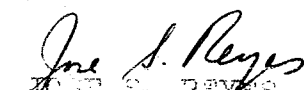
2. That all other sections or parts of the said Revised Motor Vehicle Law and amendments thereof shall be considered as amended or modified as they are hereby amended or modified accordingly so as to conform with the provisions of this Executive Order; and all other provisions of law inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Executive Order shall be considered repealed as they are hereby repealed.

Done at the City of Manila this 10th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

  
SERGIO OSMEÑA

President of the Philippines

By the President:

  
JOSE S. REYES  
Secretary to the President