

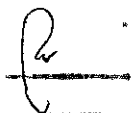
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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES IN THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB) TAXI METER RECEIPT SCHEME IMPLEMENTATION, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROTECTING THE COMMUTING PUBLIC AGAINST FAST AND RIGGED TAXI METERS

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), thru its Memorandum Circular No. 2003-020, has issued a directive for a uniform pertinent data printed on the receipt of taxi meters. Moreover, in 2005, the LTFRB, thru Memorandum Circular No. 2005-039, has also issued a directive for the full implementation of Memorandum Circular No. 2003-020;

WHEREAS, the implementation of the taxi meter receipt scheme is aimed at protecting the commuters who, for several times, have fallen victim to taxi drivers with fast or rigged meters;

WHEREAS, under the new receipt scheme, taxi meters should be placed on top of the dashboard with receipt-issuing facility so that passengers can easily and clearly see the fare rate;

WHEREAS, as indicated in said Memorandum Circular, any driver who refuses to issue taxi meter receipts shall be fined 1,500 pesos for the first offense, have their Certificate of Public Conveyance (CPC) suspended for 30 days for the second offense, and have their CPC cancelled for the third offense;

WHEREAS, as indicated in the abovesited Memorandum Circular, the issued receipts should bear the name of the operator, business name, business address, telephone number, plate number, date of the trip, actual time when the passenger boarded the taxi, distance of the trip in kilometers, total fare in Philippine peso, and the name of driver in duty;


WHEREAS, the Association of Taxi Operators in Metro Manila argued that the taxi meter scheme would be an unnecessary burden to taxi operators as it would cost them as much as 15,800 pesos for installing one (1) unit of taxi meter receipt-issuing machine;

WHEREAS, to date, thousands of taxi units fail to provide passengers with meter receipts as directed by the abovementioned circulars;

WHEREAS, the issuance of said taxi meter receipts would provide for a more effective monitoring and improved revenue collection of the government and would curtail the collection of additional charges by abusive taxi drivers and operators

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Public Services and other appropriate Committees in the Senate to conduct an inquiry, In Aid of Legislation, on the status of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) Taxi Meter Receipt Scheme Implementation, with the end in view of protecting the commuting public against fast and rigged taxi meters.

Adopted,


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Senator