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Introduced by Senator Magsaysay, Jr.

RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ANENT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF DRUG EXAMINATION AS A REQUIREMENT FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICATION VIS-À-VIS THE REPORTED MALPRACTICES COMMITTED BY REGISTERED PRIVATE DRUG TESTING AGENCIES AND SOME LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) PERSONNEL

Whereas, a new requirement for driver's license application is initially based on an internal LTO memorandum and newly ensconced as a provision in Republic Act 9165, enacted on June 7, 2002, under Section 36(a) thereof, which mandates drivers to present a certification that he has undergone a mandatory drug test, indicating that he is free from the use of dangerous drugs;

Whereas, at present, based on the said executive issuance and legislative fiat, all driver applicants must cough up about three hundred pesos (P300.00) for the illegal drug test (and an additional fifty pesos [P50.00] for medical test) from their hard-earned money aside from the usual one hundred eighty (P180.00) driver's license fee;

Whereas, many drivers and license holders have been unable to renew their licenses due to the prohibitive cost of securing such identification card;


Whereas, an honest-to-goodness inquiry should be made to verify reports that some LTO officials ask drug-testing agencies for their "share" or commissions from the required drug screening;

Whereas, a factual report on the number of individuals who have been tested positive for illegal drugs by drug-testing centers in and nearby LTO offices since the start of the implementation of the illegal drug test requirement by the LTO, should likewise be presented to check its effectiveness;

Whereas, the effectiveness of the drug screening as ordained in filtering out illegal drug users applying for driver's license, should be assessed: Now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to urge the Senate Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs and the Committee on Public Services to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, anent the effectiveness of drug examination as requirement for driver's license application vis-à-vis the reported malpractices committed by registered private drug testing agencies and some Land Transportation Office (LTO) personnel.

Adopted,


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