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Introduced by Sen. Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 62, SECTION 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9520, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COOPERATIVE CODE OF 2008**

**WHEREAS**, some transport cooperatives have expressed concerns regarding the difficulty to secure franchises for public transportation routes;

**WHEREAS**, Article 62, Section 9 of R.A. 9520, otherwise known as the "Cooperative Code of 2008" states that public transport service cooperatives "shall have the preferential right to the management and operation of public terminals and ports whether land or sea transport where the cooperative operates and on securing a franchise for active or potential routes for the public transport";

**WHEREAS**, the Cooperative Code clearly states that, *ceteris paribus*, transport cooperatives shall have preferential right in the issuance of franchises over active or potential routes for public transport;

**WHEREAS**, in the event that transport cooperatives are not able to comply with the requisites to secure a franchise, either through failure to comply with requirements for eligibility or through failure to submit all required documents, action should still be taken on their application;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to investigate this matter to make sure that R.A. 9520, otherwise known as the "Cooperative Code of 2008" is properly implemented to further advance Cooperativism as a tool for empowerment and nation-building;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, That the Philippine Senate directs the appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the implementation of Article 62, Section 9 of Republic Act No. 9520 otherwise known as the Cooperative Code of 2008.**

***Adopted,***

  
**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
**Senator**