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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES IN THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL PROCESS AS WELL AS THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE TO VEHICLES BY THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ADDRESSING THE PROLIFERATION OF SMOKE-BELCHING AND DILAPIDATED VEHICLES TO ENSURE SAFER AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY THOROUGHWAYS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state to take measures to ensure the safety of the general public, particularly with respect to the safety of highways and transportation for motorists and commuters;

WHEREAS, all vehicles are required to be registered with the Land Transportation Office where emission testing and actual inspections of motor vehicles are conducted;

WHEREAS, the emission test is a mandatory procedure that measures pollutant emissions of engines, and as such is aimed at reducing pollutants that are detrimental to the environment, with particular focus on improving the cleanliness of the air we breathe;

WHEREAS, the actual inspection of motor vehicles conducted with the use of a comprehensive checklist called the Motor Vehicle Inspection Report for the purpose of determining whether or not a vehicle being registered is safe and in good working condition to traverse the country's thoroughfares;

WHEREAS, the Certificate of Public Convenience is an authorization issued by the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTRB) for the operation of public services where no franchise is required by law, such as the operation of common carriers;

WHEREAS, WHILE an operator's Certificate of Public Convenience may be cancelled or revoked in the event that such operator fails to render safe, adequate and proper service, as provided under section 19 (a) of the public service act, as amended, dilapidated vehicles and those that cause pollution to the environment are still operating under certificates of public convenience;

WHEREAS, while the Land Transportation Office imposes strict guidelines in the registration of vehicles, smoke-belching and dilapidated vehicles are regularly seen plying the streets;

WHEREAS, there is a need to investigate this matter in order to institute legislative measures to address this recurring issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to direct the appropriate committees in the Senate to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the registration and renewal process as well as the issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience to vehicles by the Land Transportation Office with the ~~end in view~~ of addressing the proliferation of smoke-belching and dilapidated vehicles to ~~ensure safer~~ and environmentally friendly thoroughways for the general public.

Adopted,



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Senator