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Introduced by Senator Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr.

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ON-GOING BOTTLENECK IN THE REGISTRATION OF NEWLY PURCHASED VEHICLES AND THE LACK OF AVAILABLE PLATES DESPITE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LTO THAT THEY HAVE ENOUGH LICENSE PLATES

Whereas, Land Transportation Office (LTO) mandate and main functions provides, (i) Inspection and Registration of Motor Vehicles, (ii) Issuance of Licenses and Permits, (iii) Enforcement of Land Transportation Rules and Regulations, (iv) Adjudication of Traffic Cases, (v) Collection of Revenues for the Government;

Whereas, as mandated by LTO mission, committed to work towards the rationalization of Land Transportation Office services and facilities, and to implement effectively the various transportation laws, rules and regulations in coordination and collaboration with other government agencies, business sector, civil society and other stakeholders

Whereas, the Land Transportation Office has announced that it will implement the "no registration-no travel" policy on April 1, 2015;

Whereas, Chairman Francis Tolentino of Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), criticized the LTO "no plate, no travel" policy as "unconstitutional";

Whereas, even those old vehicles who are supposed to change plates from old to new could not get their plates as they register;

Whereas, that old vehicle owners and buyers of new vehicles are already paying the government or the supplier of the license plates for goods that are not given to them as they pay and have to wait until two to four months as the LTO accepts payment from them;

Whereas, the available plates for brand new vehicles are only for vehicles bought and registered last year and not for those being registered this year;

Whereas, LTO Chief Alfonso Tan Jr. said in a television interview, "The plates are always available and our registration processing is fast," in reaction to mounting criticism against the LTO's no-plate no-travel policy that was implemented on April 1.

Whereas, Tan said auto dealers could also be blamed for the delay in the submission of applications for registration of plates of vehicles bought from them;

Whereas, according to Tan, dealers must not use as an alibi the lack of certificate of stock report from car importers and manufacturers;

Whereas, this year's registration is starting to pile up due to lack of available license plates;

Whereas, based on Statistics Section-MID of LTO, the following are the comparative numbers of motor vehicles registered; for the year 2011 a total of 7,138,942 are registered, 2012 a total of 7,463,393 are registered and 2013 a total of 7,690,038.

Whereas, there is a need to examine and scrutinize in the production of these motor vehicle plates;

Whereas, there is a need for Congress to enact proper legislation to prevent similar dilemma in the future;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate Committee to conduct an investigation in aid of legislation on the on-going bottleneck in the registration of newly purchased vehicles and the lack of available plates despite the announcement of the LTO that they enough license plates.

Adopted,

RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.