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RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON ONLINE-ENABLED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO UBER, EASY CARS AND GRABCAR AS A NEW MODE OF TRANSPORTATION IN METRO MANILA AND OTHER URBAN AREAS, ITS SAFETY AND RELIABILITY, AND ITS INTEGRATION INTO THE COUNTRY'S PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

WHEREAS, an efficient and interconnected transport system is central to national development;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 125¹ issued by President Corazon C. Aquino using the leadership's extraordinary legislative powers under the 1986 Freedom Constitution, declared that "the maintenance and expansion of a viable, efficient and dependable transportation system as an effective instrument for national recovery and economic progress" would henceforth be a State policy;

WHEREAS, a report by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)² states that the total traffic demand in Metro Manila and the adjoining provinces of Bulacan, Rizal, Laguna and Cavite already amounts to 18.8 million trips, further adding that overall demand already exceeds road capacity;

WHEREAS, the same report³ by JICA states that total traffic demand in Metro Manila and its adjoining urbanized provinces is expected to increase to 22.5 million trips per day;

WHEREAS, the abovementioned circumstances indicate that the State must not only improve our existing transportation network but also encourage the development of innovative means of transportation in order to address the expected increase in traffic demand;

WHEREAS, Online-Enabled Transportation Services provided by Transportation Network Companies such as Uber, EasyCars and GrabCar have emerged as an innovative, safe and convenient modality for transportation in Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, users of Online-Enabled Transportation Services have stated that it is a safer and more reliable alternative to the taxi system in Metro Manila.

¹ Executive Order No. 125. Retrieved from <http://www.dotc.gov.ph/index.php/2014-09-02-05-02-30/item/8-executive-order-no-125>

² Japan International Cooperation Agency. "Roadmap for Transport Infrastructure Development for Metro Manila and its Surrounding Areas. Retrieved from <http://www.neda.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/FR-SUMMARY.-12149597.pdf>

³ *ibid.*

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Communication has recently included Online-Enabled Transportation Services as a new class of public transportation under Department Order No. 2015-11⁴;

WHEREAS, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board has also issued additional guidelines on the accreditation and issuance of Certificates of Convenience for Transportation Network Vehicle Services (TNVS).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to urge the Senate Committee on Public Services to conduct An assessment, in aid of legislation, on Online-Enabled Transportation Services such as Uber, Easy Cars and GrabCar as a new mode of transportation in Metro Manila, its safety and reliability, and its integration into the country's public transportation network.

Adopted,


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⁴ Department of Transportation and Communications. "Department Order No. 2015-011" Retrieved from <http://www.dotc.gov.ph/images/issuances/DO/2015/img-512091323.pdf>