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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SHORTAGE OF BREATH ANALYZERS, AS REPORTED BY TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AND THE METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, THAT POSES AS A CHALLENGE IN THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10586 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING ACT OF 2013

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Article II of the Constitution states: The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy;

WHEREAS, Section 6 of Republic Act No. 10586 or the Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Act of 2013 states that should a person driving under the influence of alcohol, dangerous drugs and/or other similar substances fails in sobriety tests, "it shall be the duty of the law enforcement officer to implement the mandatory determination of the driver's blood alcohol concentration level through the use of a breath analyzer or similar measuring instrument.";

WHEREAS, news reports reveal that there is a shortage of breath analyzers as confirmed by traffic enforcement officers of the Philippine National Police, and the Metro Manila Development Authority;

WHEREAS, this alleged shortage makes it difficult for traffic enforcers to fully and strictly implement the Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Act;

WHEREAS, there is a need to look into this matter to propose possible remedial legislation to ensure the full implementation of this important measure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate of the Philippines directs the appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the shortage of breath analyzers, as reported by traffic enforcement officers of the Philippine National Police, and the Metro Manila Development Authority, that poses as a challenge in the effective implementation of Republic Act No. 10586 otherwise known as the Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Act of 2013.

Adopted,

