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P.S. Resolution No. 1508

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Introduced by: Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" A. Aquino IV

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**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN  
INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
RELATED REGULATORY PROGRAMS AND POLICIES OF NEW INTERNET APPLICATION-  
BASED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC) is tasked to formulate national guidelines and policies for a comprehensive and integrated transportation system. Several government institutions are involved in the implementation and enforcement of land transportation related regulatory programs and policies. These include the DOTC, the Department of Public Work and Highways (DPWH), the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) at the national level; the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) in metropolitan Manila; and the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) for highly urbanized cities and provinces;

**WHEREAS**, the key transport agencies under the DOTC with regional and local offices are the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) and the Land Transportation Office (LTO). The LTFRB is mandated to regulate and supervise motorized land-based public transportation services, and fare control while the LTO is primarily responsible for driver licensing and registration of all motorized land-based transportation vehicles;

**WHEREAS**, a study which was conducted by the National Center for Transportation Studies showed, among others, that there is lack of coordination and overlapping functions among the transportation and traffic related units of the national government and local government units<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the DOTC issued Department Order No. 2015-11 on 8 May 2015 to recognize and put in place appropriate regulation for four (4) new modes of public transportation, to wit: Airport Buses, Bus Rapid Transits (BRTs), Transport Network Vehicle Services (TNVS), and Premium Taxis. These are new forms of transportation that LTFRB will regulate. The Department Order was issued in response to the call of Uber, GrabTaxi, others similar Internet application-based transportation networks, and the public to recognize this innovative technology and be able to operate legally in the streets. According to DOTC and LTFRB, the said regulation was crafted through a series of consultations with industry players to assure them that their business models will not be hampered by the new regulation;

**WHEREAS**, based on news reports last 11 August 2015, the LTFRB will start apprehending unregistered Internet application-based transport services with a fine of Php

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.easts.info/2003journal/papers/3179.pdf>

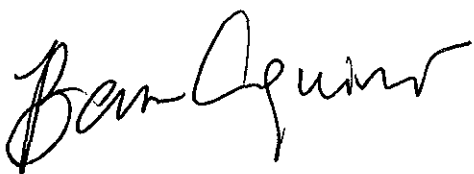
200,000.00 and impoundment of three months. The fines and penalties are based on Department Order No. 2015-11;

**WHEREAS**, LTFRB Chairperson Winston Ginez clarified that the apprehension of erring Uber, GrabTaxi and other Transportation Network Vehicle Services (TNVS) is not in any way related to LTFRB's call for operators for the new service, Premium Taxis. He said that these Premium Taxis are different from other TNVS because these cars have clear identifiable markers;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to delineate and clarify the various transportation policies pertaining to the different transport administration components such as planning, policy-making, data management and enforcement. The main challenge of the different government agencies and offices is to align their rules and regulations, as well as policies, in order to solve the worsening traffic conditions in Metro Manila;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to direct the appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the enforcement of transportation related regulatory programs and policies of new Internet application-based transportation system in the Philippines.

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Aguirre", is written over the "Adopted," text.