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P. S. R. No. 1560

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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE REPORT THAT RAMPANT CORRUPTION IN VEHICLE EMISSION TESTING
CENTERS PERPETUATES THE POLLUTION PROBLEM CAUSED BY METRO MANILA
TRAFFIC CONGESTION

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 provides: "The State shall protect and
2 promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

3 WHEREAS, *Philstar.com* on 23 August 2015 reported that the Coalition of Clean Air
4 Advocates of the Philippines said the monstrous traffic jams aggravate the deadly effects of
5 unabated motor vehicle emissions on the health and lives of people living in the metropolis;

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Leo Olarte, chairman of the Coalition of Clean Air Advocates of the
7 Philippines claimed that if you are a patient with cardiovascular ailments or predisposed to it, the
8 intensive particulate matter or soot exposure that you can be subjected to when caught in traffic
9 jams for several hours can trigger episodes of heart attack, stroke, or even death;


10 WHEREAS, Olarte cited data from the Department of Environment and Natural
11 Resources (DENR) which showed that 80 percent of air pollution in the National Capital Region
12 can be directly traced to unabated emissions of motor vehicles;

13 WHEREAS, rampant corruption in the emission testing of motor vehicles, which is under
14 the control of the Land Transportation Office (LTO), is also reportedly a major reason why
15 Metro Manila is plagued with smoke-belching motor vehicles;

16 WHEREAS, Congress, in consultation with the Department of Transportation and
17 Communications (DOTC) and the LTO, must identify the policies needed to address the alleged
18 corruption in emission testing centers in order to better reduce the problem of pollution;

1 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
2 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that
3 rampant corruption in vehicle emission testing centers perpetuates the pollution problem caused
4 by Metro Manila traffic congestion.

Adopted,


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