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RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE TO CONDUCT A STUDY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ONLINE REGISTRATION PROCESS OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROVIDING EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT PUBLIC SERVICE FOR A PROGRESSIVE LAND TRANSPORT SECTOR

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9485 or the Anti-Red Tape Act of 2009 states that it is the policy of the State to promote integrity, accountability, proper management of public affairs and public property as well as to establish effective practices aimed at the prevention of graft and corruption in government.

WHEREAS, the Land Transportation Office (LTO) promotes the safety and comfort of the traveling public with respect to motor vehicles. It is also tasked with collecting various fees from the registration of motor vehicles, the issuance of licenses to qualified motor vehicle drivers, the collection of fines and penalties for motor vehicle related infractions, and the issuance of motor vehicle license plates.¹

WHEREAS, according to the 13th Social Weather Stations (SWS) Survey of Enterprises on Corruption conducted from February 2 to May 6, 2016, Bureau of Customs and LTO received the most unfavorable ratings. In the

¹ <http://dotr.gov.ph/2014-09-02-05-01-41/2014-09-03-06-32-04.html> accessed on May 29, 2017

2017 SWS Survey Review, LTO received a sincerity rating of -47 which was bad on the descriptors of the survey firm;

WHEREAS, the LTO posed its target of registered motor vehicles for 2017 at 8,981,520 units with 90% of new registrations completed with Motor Vehicle Plates and stickers within seven days;

WHEREAS, in spite of surpassing LTO's performance targets in the previous years, the agency has been surrounded by allegations of corruptions, irregularities and *modus operandi* in performing its mandate of registering motor vehicles and issuance of driver's licenses;

WHEREAS, there have been allegations that LTO employees receive bribes during the vehicle inspection stage of registration and conduct bogus emission testing and engine number stencils;

WHEREAS, based on the Guidelines in the Implementation of the 2016 Revised LTO Citizen's Charter, the time that should be spent by an applicant for the renewal of Motor Vehicle is only 60 minutes. However, in reality, the public spend an average of 2 to 4 days to register a motor vehicle due to inefficiency and inadequacy of LTO employees and facilities;

WHEREAS, due to the allegation of corruption and surrounding issues, various non-government transport organizations such as Filipino Alliance for Transparency and Empowerment (FATE), United Filipino Consumers and Commuters (UFCC), Badass Elite Pilipinas/Arouser Elite Club, has pushed for the implementation of an online registration of vehicles as well as license registration;

WHEREAS, the upgrading of the motor vehicle registration system is included in the LTO's Proposed Plans and Programs for the year 2017;

WHEREAS, the establishment and implementation of an online facility for the registration of motor vehicle will promote transparency in LTO with regard to its manner of transacting with the public and will simplify the registration procedure thereby reducing red tape and expedite transactions with the agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Philippine Senate to Urge the Department of Transportation through the Land Transportation Office to Conduct a Study for the Establishment and Implementation of an Online Registration Process of Motor Vehicles with the End in View of Providing Effective and Efficient Public Service for a Progressive Land Transport Sector.

Adopted,



JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO