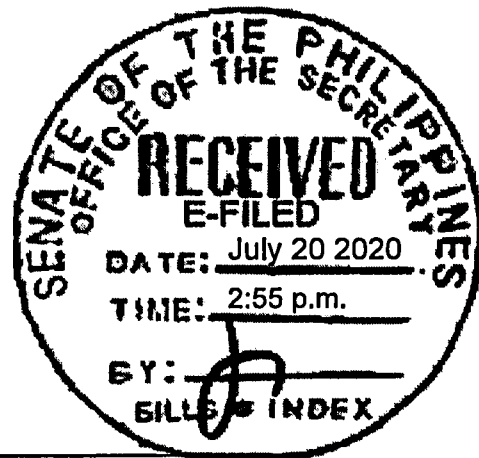


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SENATE
P.S. Res. No. 466

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOTR), THROUGH THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO), TO REVIEW MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2019-2176 ON THE STANDARDIZATION OF DRIVER EDUCATION AND RECONSIDER ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN VIEW OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

1 WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10930 or An Act Rationalizing and Strengthening
2 the Policy Regarding Driver's License by Extending the Validity Period of Drivers'
3 Licenses, and Penalizing Acts in Violation of its Issuance and Application Amending For
4 Those Purposes Section 23 of Republic Act No. 4136, as Amended by Batas Pambansa
5 Blg. 398 and Executive Order No. 1011, Otherwise Known as the Land Transportation
6 and Traffic Code adopted as policy of the state the establishment of a "*system that*
7 *promotes the ease of access to government services and efficient transportation*
8 *regulation favorable to the people*", and provided for the implementation of stricter
9 rules before the issuance of driver's license;¹

10 WHEREAS, effective July 1, the Land Transportation Office will be implementing
11 a 2019 Memorandum Circular (Memorandum Circular No. 2019-2176) on the Rules
12 and Regulations on Accreditation, Supervision, and Control of Driving Institutions, and
13 the Standardization of Driver Education;²

14 WHEREAS, under the said Memorandum, students applying for a permit should
15 undergo a mandatory 15-hour theoretical driving course while new drivers with

¹ RA 10930. Retrieved from https://lawphil.net/statutes/repacts/ra2017/ra_10930_2017.html

² Servillos, N. (2020 June 30). LTO suspends issuance of Student Driver's Permit. Retrieved from <https://www.philstar.com/nation/2020/06/30/2024554/lto-suspends-issuance-student-drivers-permit>

1 student permits applying for license will be required to complete an eight-hour
2 practical driving course under the LTO or any of its accredited driving schools;³

3 WHEREAS, the Memorandum also prescribed the minimum lecture hours for
4 those renewing their licenses – eight (8) hours for the first renewal of five-year validity
5 driver's license; eight (8) hours for the renewal of driver's license with 10 or more
6 demerit points; four (4) hours for the renewal of driver's license with five (5) to nine
7 (9) demerit points; four-hour intervention program for every 10 demerits points during
8 the validity of the driver's license; and four-hour intervention program when the same
9 violation is committed for at least three (3) times during the validity of the driver's
10 license;⁴

11 WHEREAS, while the statistics on road mishaps in the country undoubtedly
12 require the adoption of a drivers' education program, the implementation of stricter
13 requirements that entail hefty additional costs to old and new drivers at a time when
14 their livelihood is greatly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic seems to be untimely;

15 WHEREAS, in any policy, it is imperative to ensure that the economically-
16 challenged and marginalized will not be further sidelined and excluded;

17 WHEREAS, the imposition of stricter requirements by the LTO should include in
18 its policy the option for free state-administered trainings without having to resort to
19 costly accredited driving schools;

20 WHEREAS, the LTO and other government agencies may also consider less
21 costly modes of institutionalizing drivers' education and look into proposals to include
22 such in the K-to-12 curriculum;⁵

23 WHEREAS, there is a need to adopt a policy that will not only promote road
24 safety but also ensure that no additional burden will be levied to our already pandemic-
25 burdened countrymen;

26 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Department
27 of Transportation (DOTr), through the Land Transportation Office (LTO), to review

³ LTO Advisory. Retrieved from
<https://www.facebook.com/1572376036113565/posts/4324068964277578/>

⁴ LTO Memorandum Circular No. 2019-2176. Retrieved from
<https://www.lto.gov.ph/issuances/memorandum-circular/file/895-memorandum-circular-no-2019-2176-rules-and-regulations-on-accreditation-supervision-and-control-of-driving-institutions-and-on-standardization-of-driver-education.html>

⁵ See Senate Bill Nos. 940 and 451 <https://www.senate.gov.ph/>

- 1 Memorandum Circular No. 2019-2176 on the standardization of driver education and
- 2 reconsider its implementation in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Adopted,


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