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Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto

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**RESOLUTION**

**SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (IATF-EID) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOTr) TO RESUME ITS PILOT STUDY ON MOTORCYCLE TAXI SERVICE PROVIDERS AND TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR ITS OPERATION, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF AUGMENTING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINING GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TOWARDS ECONOMIC RECOVERY**

1           WHEREAS, the Inter-agency Task Force on the Management of Emerging Infectious  
2 Diseases (IATF-EID) has issued Resolution No. 77 dated October 5, 2020 recommending  
3 the grant of the request of Metro Manila local chief executives for the Department of  
4 Transportation (DOTr) to continue the pilot study of motorcycle taxis, pending enactment of  
5 the appropriate legislation authorizing the same;

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7           WHEREAS, the Metro Manila mayors appealed to the national government for the  
8 continued operation of motorcycle taxis to ease commuter woes during the COVID-19  
9 pandemic;

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11           WHEREAS, the DOTr approved the pilot implementation of motorcycle taxis within  
12 Metro Manila and Metro Cebu in June 2019 to determine whether motorcycle taxis are a  
13 viable and safe alternative mode of transportation;

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15           WHEREAS, the DOTr has issued guidelines for the pilot implementation of  
16 motorcycle taxis including safety requirements, sharing of data, fare matrix, number of  
17 participating riders, passenger safety campaign, qualifications of riders, motorcycle  
18 specifications, and requirements for passengers, among others;

1           WHEREAS, the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) of the pilot implementation of  
2 motorcycle taxis were: a) the accident threshold; b) traffic rules violations reported by  
3 traffic enforcement agencies; and c) feedback from frequent customers;

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5           WHEREAS, DOTr Secretary Arthur Tugade instructed the members of the Technical  
6 Working Group (TWG) to discuss issues attendant to the prospect of two-wheel vehicles  
7 operating as public transport;

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9           WHEREAS, the government allowed Angkas, JoyRide and MoveIt to operate during  
10 the pilot implementation until the lockdown was implemented in the entire island of Luzon  
11 due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

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13           WHEREAS, the study on the ride-hailing motorcycle taxis expired in April 2020,  
14 making their operation illegal unless Congress crafts a law that would allow them as a  
15 mode of public transportation;

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17           WHEREAS, as the government lifted the enhanced community quarantine to give  
18 way to a phased opening of the economy and allowed more businesses to resume  
19 operations, a transportation crisis particularly in Metro Manila ensued, as there was a lack  
20 of available public transportation for commuters since public transportation operation  
21 remains restricted;

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23           WHEREAS, since about sixty percent (60%) of the workforce in Metro Manila is  
24 unable to report for work due to the lack of available public transportation during the period  
25 of the pandemic, it is undeniable that there is an urgent need for alternative modes of  
26 transportation to ferry the workers to and from their respective work areas;

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28           WHEREAS, motorcycle taxi is considered as a comparatively cheaper and more  
29 convenient mode of public transportation;

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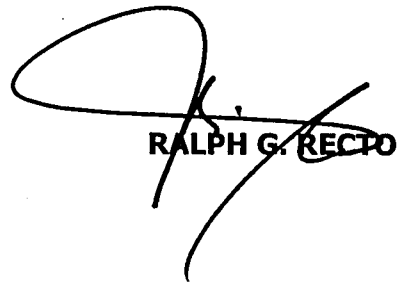
31           WHEREAS, the recommendations of the TWG on the viability and safety of allowing  
32 motorcycle taxis as a mode of public transportation would serve as valuable inputs to

1 Congress as it tackles measures to address the current transportation crisis: Now,  
2 therefore, be it

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4 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, To support the  
5 recommendation of the Inter-agency Task Force on the Management of Emerging  
6 Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) for the Department of Transportation (DOTr) to resume its  
7 pilot study on motorcycle taxi service providers and to provide guidelines for its  
8 operation, with the end in view of augmenting public transportation and sustaining  
9 government efforts towards economic recovery.

Adopted,



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