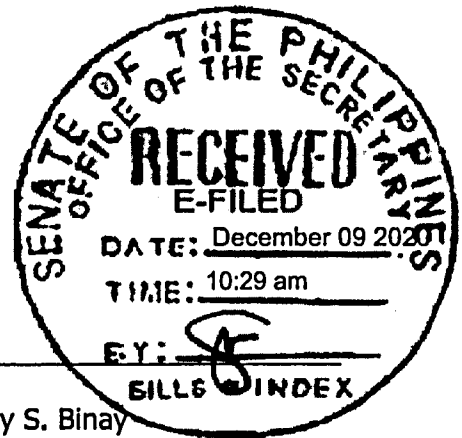


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P. S. Res No. 589



Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO INQUIRE INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MANDATORY CASHLESS TRANSACTION ON TOLL EXPRESSWAYS

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) issued Department Order
2 No. 2020-012 (DO 2020-012) dated August 13, 2020, which requires cashless or
3 contactless transaction for all vehicles using the tollways. The policy was adopted as
4 a measure to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 and as a means to ensure a more
5 efficient flow of traffic within expressways;

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7 WHEREAS, pursuant to DO 2020-012, the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB), the
8 Land Transportation Office (LTO) and the Land Transportation and Franchising
9 Regulatory Board (LTFRB) are directed to undertake specific programs within three
10 (3) months for the purpose of ensuring smooth implementation of the policy;

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12 WHEREAS, the TRB is directed to: (1) promulgate rules and regulations that will
13 require concessionaires and operators of toll expressways to transition to a one
14 hundred percent (100%) electronic toll collection lanes, and (2) ensure that
15 concessionaires and operators shall install electronic tags or other cashless systems,
16 such as, but not limited to Radio-frequency Identification (RFID), Automated Fare
17 Collection System, etc. for all motorists and motor vehicles using the toll expressways
18 and transact only through the cashless mode of payment of toll not later than
19 November 2, 2020;

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21 WHEREAS, the LTO is directed to: (1) come up with a study which will explore
22 ways and means to allow full cashless or contactless system along expressways, and
23 (2) ensure compliance with the policy through the imposition of penalties;

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25 WHEREAS, the LTFRB is directed to : (1) monitor the compliance of all Public
26 Utility Vehicles with the mandatory installation of electronic tags or other cashless
27 systems in their units, and (2) issue rules and regulations that will sustain a cashless
28 or contactless transaction when using the expressways;

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30 WHEREAS, according to the DOTr, cashless or contactless transaction shall be
31 implemented in the following identified limited access facilities: (1) South Luzon

32 Expressway (SLEX), (2) Manila-Cavite Toll Expressway (CAVITEX), (3) North Luzon
33 Expressway (NLEX), (4) South Metro Manila Skyway, (5) Southern Tagalog Arterial
34 Road (STAR) Tollway, (6) Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), (7) Cavite-Laguna
35 Expressway (CALAX), and (8) all other road networks, including any extension of the
36 existing expressway facilities mentioned, that may be constructed, established and/or
37 operated as expressway toll facilities;

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39 WHEREAS, the Philippine News Agency, on October 28, 2020, reported that
40 the DOTr has moved the implementation of mandatory cashless transaction in all toll
41 expressways from November 2, 2020 to December 1, 2020 to give motorists more
42 time to have RFID stickers installed on their vehicles;

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44 WHEREAS, according to news reports, toll operators would be required to install
45 RFID stickers in motorists using their toll roads starting December 1, 2020 and that
46 motorists who fail to have the mandatory RFID sticker for toll roads will not be
47 apprehended until January 11, 2020;

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49 WHEREAS, according to news reports, since December 1, 2020, many motorists
50 have been complaining over the many technical issues regarding the use of cashless
51 system and has led to massive traffic build up in major expressways especially at the
52 NLEX. In addition, motorists with insufficient load has contributed to the toll plaza
53 bottlenecks;

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55 WHEREAS, according to news reports, tollway operators, Metro Pacific Tollways
56 Corporation and San Miguel Corporation, will conduct testing for the interoperability
57 of their RFID cashless toll payment systems as part of plans to eventually enable the
58 use of just one RFID sticker for all expressways;

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60 WHEREAS, there is a need to intensify the education and information drive of
61 toll operators, to fix the system glitches, and to consider extending the deadline for
62 mandatory cashless payments in toll expressways in order to give motorists time to
63 secure their RFID stickers and to increase public awareness on the use of the RFID
64 system;

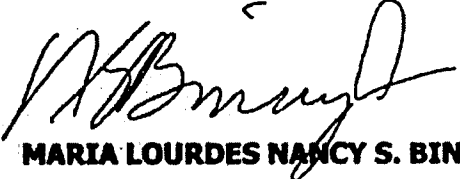
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66 WHEREAS, an inquiry on the matter is necessary for the Senate to be apprised
67 of the status of the implementation of mandatory cashless transaction in all tollways
68 in order to identify the challenges, and address the issues in its implementation by
69 policy or by law;

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71 BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate to direct the
72 proper Senate Committees to inquire into, in aid of legislation, the implementation of
73 the mandatory cashless transaction on toll expressways.

Adopted,



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