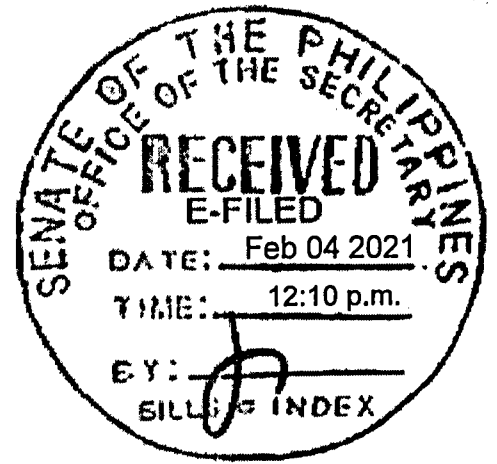


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SENATE
P. S. Res. No. 638

Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto

RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOTr) AND THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) TO SUSPEND THE OPERATION OF PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION CENTERS (PMVICs) UNTIL A COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC CONSULTATION IS CONDUCTED, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROMOTING TRANSPARENCY TO STAKEHOLDERS AND THE PUBLIC, FORGING PROGRAMS WITH SOCIAL ACCEPTABILITY, AND ENSURING PUBLIC SAFETY

1 WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 4136 (Land Transportation and Traffic
2 Code of the Philippines), Republic Act No. 8749 (Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999),
3 Republic Act No. 10916 (Road Speed Limiter Act) and other related laws, the
4 Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the Land Transportation Office (LTO) have
5 issued Department Orders 2018-019 and 2019-002, Memorandum Circular No. 2018-
6 2158 and other related issuances governing the inspection of motor vehicles in Private
7 Motor Vehicle Inspection Centers (PMVICs);

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9 WHEREAS, the said procedures and guidelines aim to provide a systematic,
10 reliable and effective system of testing motor vehicles; ensure compliance to safety and
11 emission standards to promote public safety and curb air pollution; and integrate all
12 motor vehicle inspection reports into a central motor vehicle database;

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14 WHEREAS, the DOTr and LTO expect to roll out a total of 138 PMVICs
15 nationwide with a minimum of 276 lanes to cater to the vehicle inspection requirement
16 for the registration of motor vehicles;

1 WHEREAS, for a motor vehicle with a gross weight of 4,500 kilograms, motorists
2 are required to pay P1,800 for motor vehicle inspection and a re-inspection fee of P900
3 in case it fails the first inspection;

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5 WHEREAS, PMVICs shall charge motorcycle and tricycle owners P600 for the
6 inspection fee and a re-inspection fee of P300;

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8 WHEREAS, a miscellaneous fee of P1,800 may be collected for motor vehicle
9 modification, miscellaneous transactions and recovered carnapped vehicle;

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11 WHEREAS, private, government and diplomatic vehicles are required to renew
12 inspection annually after initial inspection while franchise vehicles are required to
13 undergo inspection semi-annually after five (5) years;

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15 WHEREAS, The DoTr and the LTO, even without an exhaustive public
16 consultation as well as public information campaign, issued Memorandum Circular 2020-
17 2240 dated 29 December 2020 directing the immediate implementation of the PMVIC,
18 amidst the COVID-19 pandemic;

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20 WHEREAS, this directive of the DOTr and LTO triggered widespread protests
21 from motorists and civic organizations who questioned the integrity of PMVIC machines
22 and described the 72-point series of roadworthiness automated tests as more
23 demanding than those required for car dealerships;

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25 WHEREAS, protesters also complained about the high inspection and re-
26 inspection fees charged by the PMVICs to motor vehicle owners which were determined
27 without proper consultation;

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29 WHEREAS, some critics have raised the question on the legality of the
30 operations of PMVICs and even hinted on possible corruption since it was not reviewed
31 by Congress and was not subject to the approval of the Office of the President;

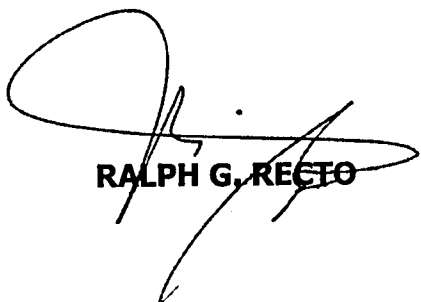
1 WHEREAS, various local government units moved to stop the new testing
2 procedures due to the numerous complaints that have surfaced which include the
3 absence of internet connection at the LTO, erroneous readings, alleged instances of
4 mechanical damage resulting from improper handling of vehicles and faulty equipment;
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6 WHEREAS, at this time of the pandemic when the people are facing a health
7 crisis and an economic downturn that is causing suffering, fear and anxiety, our people
8 should not be further burdened by regulatory measures with questionable procedures,
9 imposing exorbitant fees with doubtful effectiveness, and implemented without proper
10 public consultation;
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12 WHEREAS, the stakeholders are calling on the DOTr and the LTO to first address
13 these concerns and issues regarding the operations of PMVICs in order to ensure the
14 smooth implementation of the program: Now, therefore, be it
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16 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, To urge the Department of
17 Transportation (DOTr) and the Land Transportation Office (LTO) to suspend the
18 operation of the Private Motor Vehicle Inspection Centers (PMVICs) until a
19 comprehensive public consultation is conducted, with the end in view of promoting
20 transparency to stakeholders and the public, forging programs with social acceptability
21 and ensuring public safety.

Adopted,



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