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Introduced by **Senator Raffy T. Tulfo**

**RESOLUTION IN AID OF LEGISLATION DIRECTING THE INQUIRY INTO
THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING DRIVER'S LICENSES AND REGISTERING
MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE PHILIPPINES, WITH AN END IN VIEW OF
STREAMLINING AND MAKING THE PROCESS ACCESSIBLE TO THE
MARGINALIZED SECTOR, ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF SHORTAGE OF
PLASTIC CARDS, AND REDUCING THE BURDEN OF COMPULSORY THIRD-
PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Land Transportation Office (LTO) is responsible for the
2 registration of motor vehicles, issuance of driver's/conductor's licenses and permits,
3 enforce transportation laws, rules and regulations and adjudicate apprehension cases;
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5 **WHEREAS**, the registration of motor vehicles and issuance of
6 driver's/conductor's license and permits are essential to the commuting public to reach
7 their respective workplace, businesses, education, healthcare and other basic services;
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9 **WHEREAS**, there have been issues with the process of obtaining driver's
10 licenses particularly the requirement to a take a Theoretical Driving Course and
11 Practical Driving Course with an LTO-accredited driving school, to undergo a costly
12 medical exam and obtain a medical certificate from an LTO-accredited clinic; and the
13 shortage of plastic cards for license issuance;
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15 **WHEREAS**, there is a need to ensure that the process of obtaining a driver's
16 license is streamlined, affordable, cost-efficient, and impenetrable by fixers;

1 **WHEREAS**, the issuance of new and renewal of driver's license is imbued with
2 public interest to monitor the capacity of our driver's to operate vehicles that is crucial
3 for the safety of the riding public and pedestrians;

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5 **WHEREAS**, there have been reports of a shortage of plastic cards for the
6 printing of driver's license, because of the rebidding that happened which has resulted
7 in the printing of driver's license on paper and the need to extend the effectivity of
8 expiring driver's license;

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10 **WHEREAS**, there is a need to investigate the incidents surrounding the bidding
11 of these plastic cards as well as license plates to prevent the repeated problems of
12 shortage of these crucial regulatory tools that secure our land traffic;

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14 **WHEREAS**, there have been issues with the process of registering motor
15 vehicles particularly the requirement of Compulsory Third-Party Liability (CTPL)
16 insurance which is a mandatory requirement for all motor vehicle owners in the
17 Philippines to provide protection to third-party individuals who may be injured or killed
18 in a vehicular accident;

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20 **WHEREAS**, many motor vehicle owners already have comprehensive motor
21 vehicle insurance providing a more comprehensive coverage that includes protection
22 for the vehicle owner and other third-party individuals which render the CTPL
23 requirement redundant;

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25 **WHEREAS**, the payment of both the CTPL and comprehensive motor vehicle
26 insurance can be burdensome for many motor vehicle owners, especially those who
27 are already struggling with the rising costs of vehicle ownership;

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29 **WHEREAS**, it is the duty of this legislative body to address these issues and
30 propose measures that will ensure the efficient and effective delivery of services by
31 the LTO and promote the welfare of the general public;

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that this legislative body, in aid of
2 legislation, conduct a joint inquiry into the process of obtaining driver's licenses and
3 registering motor vehicles in the Philippines, with specific focus on the following
4 issues:

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- 6 • The necessity and impact of the requirement to attend driving schools in
7 obtaining driver's licenses;
- 8 • The streamlining of the processes of the issuance and renewal of driver's license
9 and the registration of motor vehicles;
- 10 • The bidding process which caused the shortage of plastic cards for license
11 issuance and the steps being taken by the LTO to address this issue; and
- 12 • The necessity and redundancy of the CTPL insurance for those registering and
13 renewing their motor vehicles who already have comprehensive motor vehicle
14 insurance.

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16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the appropriate committees of this legislative
17 body conduct hearings to invite representatives from the LTO, Department of
18 Transportation, Insurance Commission, driving schools, insurance companies, and
19 other relevant stakeholders, to provide information on the aforementioned issues, and
20 to propose solutions that will promote the efficient delivery of services by the LTO and
21 address the needs and concerns of the general public.

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23 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that the committees submit a joint report of their
24 findings and recommendations to this legislative body, with the end in view of
25 proposing legislation or other measures that will ensure the efficient and effective
26 delivery of services by the LTO, promote road safety, and address the needs and
27 concerns of the general public.

Adopted,



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