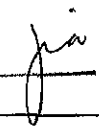


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**A RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED DELAYS IN THE RELEASE OF MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES, STICKERS AND TAGS BY THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROVIDING PROMPT, ADEQUATE AND TRANSPARENT DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC**

WHEREAS, Section 27 of Article II of the Constitution states that: “the State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption;”

WHEREAS, it is also an enshrined standard in public offices to provide prompt and adequate services to the public as mandated by various laws on the ethical standards of employees and officials;

WHEREAS, there is a reported delay in the release of motor vehicle license plates, stickers and plate tags by the Land Transportation Office (LTO) because of a shortage in raw materials in the early months of 2010 that seems to continue until the present; <sup>[1]</sup> <sup>[2]</sup>

WHEREAS, the delay in the release of the license plates, stickers and tags has caused, and continues to inconvenience owners and drivers who are being unnecessarily apprehended for driving without license plates or tags;

WHEREAS, LTO cited several causes for the shortage of these materials which include: an unprecedented increase of 1,572,121 in registered motor vehicles recorded since 2009; <sup>[3]</sup> current bidding regulations; limited production capacity of the LTO Plate-making Plant and delay in the delivery of aluminum sheeting materials; <sup>[4]</sup>

WHEREAS, LTO has already started outsourcing car plate stickers to other private entities due to the high demand for new plates, stickers and tags;

WHEREAS, the LTO stated that there may be further delays in the issuance of car stickers as the current supplier failed to meet its deadline on April 12, 2013; <sup>[5]</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Commission on Audit. Consolidated Annual Audit Report on the Land Transportation Office: Part II. Observations and Recommendations, 31 December 2011.

<sup>2</sup> Business World Online. Number Coding for Plate-less New Vehicles, 5 April 2013. <http://www.bworldonline.com/content.php?section=Nation&title=Number-coding-for-plate-less-new-vehicles&id=68239> (Accessed 18 April 2013).

<sup>3</sup> Land Transportation Office. Annual Report: Number of Motor Vehicles Registered by MV Type and Mode of Registration 2007 to 2012.

<sup>4</sup> Philippine Daily Inquirer. COA Asks LTO to Blacklist License Plate Supplier, 23 January 2013. <http://business.inquirer.net/103945/coa-asks-lto-to-blacklist-license-plate-supplier>. (Accessed 18 April 2013).

<sup>5</sup> Solar News. LTO: Car Stickers To Be Delayed, 16 April 2013. [http://www.solarnews.ph/news/2013/04/16/lto-car-stickers-to-be-delayed#.UXZMzrWW\\_w0](http://www.solarnews.ph/news/2013/04/16/lto-car-stickers-to-be-delayed#.UXZMzrWW_w0) (Accessed 23 April 2013).

WHEREAS, under the Motor Vehicle Plate Standardization Program, a P3.85 billion contract for the production of new license plates for motor vehicles and motorcycles over a period of five (5) years was bidden out by the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC);<sup>[6]</sup>

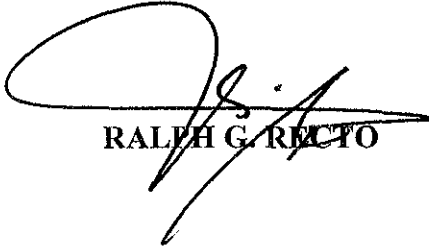
WHEREAS, The DOTC-LTO Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) held a marathon session from May 6 to 7 to open the sealed bids for the Motor Vehicle License Plates Supply Project wherein the BAC decided that only two (2) out of the eight (8) bidders were eligible;<sup>[7]</sup>

WHEREAS, there is a need for Congress to ascertain if these problems can be solved by enacting the proper legislation to prevent a similar occurrence in the future;

WHEREAS, in line with the government's fight against corruption, there is also a need to review the governmental processes involved in the production of these motor vehicle plates, stickers and tags and determine if there is room for corruption and eliminate these accordingly;

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, by the Philippine Senate, to direct the Committee on Public Services to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported delays in the release of motor vehicle license plates and stickers by the Land Transportation Office with the end in view of providing prompt, adequate and transparent delivery of services to the public.

Adopted,



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<sup>6</sup> The Philippine Star. DOTC postpones bidding for P3.85-B license plates, 1 April 2013. <http://www.philstar.com/headlines/2013/04/01/925569/dotc-postpones-bidding-p3.85-b-license-plates> (Accessed 23 April 2013).

<sup>7</sup> Ducky Paredes. Malaya. License Plates, 06 June 2013. <http://www.malaya.com.ph/~malayaco/index.php/about-us/160-news-flash/32915-expensive-imported-license-plates> (Accessed 17 June 2013).