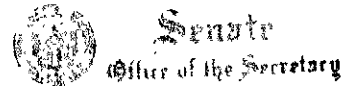


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED FAILURE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE TO REVOKE OR CANCEL UNCLAIMED CONFISCATED MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES AND THE INCREASING PREVALENCE OF CONFISCATED PLATES THAT WERE RENEWED DESPITE NON-SETTLEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 27 provides: "The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption";

WHEREAS, the Land Transportation Office (LTO) is the agency mandated to register roadworthy and emission-free motor vehicles, license quality drivers, and put order on the roads, thru strict enforcement of inspection of motor vehicles;

WHEREAS, the LTO issued Memorandum Circular No. 515-2004 mandating that the apprehended driver/operator is required to settle one's apprehension within 15 days and in case of failure to settle within the given period, the Director of the Law Enforcement and Traffic Adjudication Service (LETAS) may recommend the cancellation/revocation and/or decommissioning of the confiscated driver's license and/or license plates;

WHEREAS, according to the 2013 Commission on Audit (COA) report, the LTO-Sectoral Head Office (LTO-SHO) has not acted on the revocation/cancellation of the unclaimed confiscated 12,780 motor vehicle (MV) license plates; 2,838 pieces of motorcycle (MC) license plates; and the decommissioning of 60 pieces of driver's licenses with an estimated uncollected fines amounting to ₱2,351,700.00;

WHEREAS, the Chief of the LTO-SHO alleged that these unclaimed plates were already encoded into the Motor Vehicle Registration System (MVRS) and put on alarm to prevent the owners/operators from renewing the registration of the vehicles unless the penalties are paid;

WHEREAS, upon verification and inspection however, the owners of these unclaimed confiscated MV plates were allegedly able to register their MVs and obtain duplicate plates despite non-settlement of violations by merely filing an Affidavit of Loss;

WHEREAS, this situation was mainly due to the delay in non-encoding or delayed uploading of the violations alarms in the MVRS within 24 hours from apprehension;

WHEREAS, this problem indicates weak internal control on the part of the LTO; it also means that the deficient alarm/monitoring system could be abused by some drivers and MV owners by continuing to ply the road despite existing unsettled violations;

WHEREAS, it is imperative upon the LTO to enhance the alarm system of the LETAS on unclaimed confiscated driver's licenses and MV/MC plates and reject the renewal until such time that the driver pays the corresponding fines and penalties for the violations committed;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged failure of the Land Transportation Office to revoke or cancel unclaimed confiscated motor vehicle license plates and the increasing prevalence of confiscated plates that were renewed despite non-settlement of obligations.

Adopted,

  
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