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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10913 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-DISTRACTED DRIVING ACT, ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (DOTC-LTO)

WHEREAS, on 21 July 2016 Republic Act No. 10913 (RA10913) otherwise known as the Anti-Distracted Driving Act lapsed into law;

WHEREAS, RA 10913 prohibits the following acts by a motorist in a motor vehicle in motion or temporarily stopped at a red light, whether diplomatic, public or private:

- (a) Using of mobile communications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication or to make or receive calls, and other similar acts; and
- (b) Using of an electronic entertainment or computing device to play games, watch movies, surf the internet, compose messages, read e-books, perform calculations, and other similar acts;

WHEREAS, the same law mandated the DOTC-LTO to promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations for the proper enforcement of the provision of RA10913;

WHEREAS, the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA10913 was promulgated on 04 April 2017 by the Department of Transportation-Land Transportation Office;

WHEREAS, the IRR took effect after its publication on 18 May 2017 and is being implemented by the Land Transportation Office (LTO), Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Philippine National Police (PNP) and other government instrumentalities including local government units, as provided in the law;

WHEREAS, its implementation was met with confusion by motorists and enforcers – from the prohibited acts and items allowed in a motor vehicle's dashboard to the effectiveness of the concerned agencies' public information campaign and proper enforcement which result to public appeals to halt its implementation;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to suspend the law's implementation in order to review and fine-tune the implementing rules and regulations of the law so that the true legislative intent is carried out;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the Senate Committee on Public Service to review the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic act No. 10913 otherwise known as the Anti-Distracted Diving Act issued by the Department of Transportation Land Transportation Office (DOTC-LTO).

Adopted,

JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO