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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 IRREGULARITIES IN VEHICLE
REGISTRATION IN TOLEDO CITY, CEBU

WHEREAS, according to the 11 January 2008 issue of the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, Land Transportation Office (LTO) Cebu investigators reported irregularities in an audit investigation conducted in Toledo City, Cebu last month; the investigation revealed that only two vehicles were registered Toledo City in 2006; however, the number of car registrations rose to 3,906 from January to October 2007;

WHEREAS, the LTO officials say that the increase was statistically improbable because the normal increase in car registration is from 10 percent to 15 percent;

WHEREAS, the initial results reportedly show that many of the vehicles registered in Toledo City, Cebu were undervalued and underdeclared;

WHEREAS, the investigation came at the heels of the seizure of luxury vehicles with questionable registration in Makati City, and were allegedly smuggled from Cebu City days prior to the report;

WHEREAS, investigation on the documentation of these luxury vehicles shows that the assessment of the vehicles appeared to be misclassified;

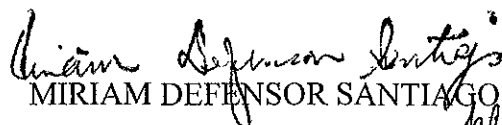
WHEREAS, the resurgence of reports of hot cars, vehicle smuggling, and malfeasance in vehicle registration is a manifestation of the continued anomalies perpetrated in various government offices;

WHEREAS, misclassification, undervaluation, and under-declaration in vehicle registration and importation equate to losses in government revenues;

WHEREAS, administrative and legislative measures should be formulated, promulgated, and implemented so that the government's anti-smuggling efforts would be strengthened, and that malfeasance in vehicle registration will be eradicated and its perpetrators be meted with stiffer penalties;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the irregularities in vehicle registration in Toledo City, Cebu.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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