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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES IN THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ROAD SAFETY POLICIES AND REGULATIONS BEING IMPLEMENTED BY OUR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY STANDARDS AND PROTECTING THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF PUV PASSENGERS AND PEDESTRIANS

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the State to establish enabling laws and policies that will ensure a safe, viable and dependable road safety system in the country in order to protect the welfare of the general public;

WHEREAS, the past few months have witnessed a surge in the number of road accidents that either killed or injured passengers, drivers and pedestrians. Last October 21, 2008 a doctor was killed and three people were injured when two buses racing against each other hit a car causing it to burst into flames;

WHEREAS, road accidents are common in the Philippines due to poor infrastructures. Studies indicate that an average of 1,000 deaths occur per year in the Philippines due to road accidents;

WHEREAS, given the series of road accidents that happened in our country for the past months, there is an urgent need for the government to strictly enforce road safety regulations and study the appropriateness of imposing stiffer penalties for reckless driving in order to improve road safety standards;

WHEREAS, there is a need to review our existing laws on the working conditions of public utility vehicle (PUV) drivers, especially those who drive non-stop for over 12 hours. There may also be a need to implement a policy that would limit the driving hours of PUV drivers;

WHEREAS, one of the common complaints against long-haul bus drivers is that many of them are sleepy while behind the wheels;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to implement strictly the posting of appropriate road safety devices and road signs as studies indicate that many of the traffic signs in our country still do not conform to internationally accepted standards on

color, size and shape, and that in highly urbanized areas, these signs could hardly be recognized as they compete with giant billboards in visibility and craftsmanship;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to implement an aggressive and proactive road safety information and education drive in order to inform and educate the drivers, particularly public utility vehicle drivers on the value of following road safety regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as it is hereby resolved to direct the Senate Committee on Public Services and other appropriate Committees in the Senate to conduct an inquiry, *In Aid of Legislation*, into the road safety policies and regulations being implemented by government agencies, with the end in view of improving road safety standards and protecting the lives of millions of PUV passengers and pedestrians.

ADOPTED,


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Senator