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Introduced by Senator Manny B. Villar

RESOLUTION

URGING THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND COMMERCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO ASSESS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT 10054 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MANDATORY HELMET ACT OF 2010 TO ENSURE THAT ONLY CERTIFIED QUALITY HELMETS WHICH PASSED THE PHILIPPINE STANDARD OR IMPORT COMMODITY CLEARANCE ARE SOLD IN THE LOCAL MARKET

Whereas, Article 2 of Republic Act (RA) 7394 otherwise known as the Consumer Act of the Philippines declared that it is a policy of the State “to protect the interests of the consumer, promote his general welfare and to establish standards of conduct for business and industry”;

Whereas, Section 3 of the Republic Act (RA) 10054 or Mandatory Helmet Act of 2010 requires all motorcycle drivers and their passengers to wear helmets at all times while driving;

Whereas, Section 5 of said RA 10054 further states that a “new motorcycle helmet which bears the Philippine Standard (PS) mark or Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) of the Bureau of Product Standards (BPS) and complies with the standards set by the BPS shall be made available by every seller and/or dealer every time a new motorcycle unit is purchased and which the purchaser may buy at his option”;

Whereas, pursuant to Sec. 6 of RA 10054, the DTI adopted the United Nations Economic Commission on Europe (UN ECE) standard specifications and test methods for protective helmets and their visors for motorcycles and mopeds drivers and passengers as a Philippine National Standard (PNS/UN ECE 22:2007);

Whereas, it is essential that the Department of Trade and Industry regulate critical consumer products that greatly affect life, property and health such as that of helmet;

Whereas, in order to protect the consumers and to avert the pervasive distribution of substandard helmets in the market, it is imperative that the quality of helmets is checked to ensure that it performs as intended;

Whereas, as of 2008 there are 2,360,304 motorcycles and tricycles registered in the Land Transportation Office outnumbering cars which is only pegged at 713,175;


Whereas, in Metro Manila alone, it is reported that motorcycles had been involved in about one-third of road crashes;

Whereas, according to studies, however, wearing a helmet reduces injuries from motorbike accidents by as much as 70%, deaths by as much as 20%;

Whereas, considering the fast-increasing number of motorcycle riders and their passengers, coupled by the probability that one third of every road accident involves motorcycles, it is necessary that only certified quality helmets are sold in the market to ensure the safety of the motorcycle motorists;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Committee on Trade and Commerce to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, to assess the implementation of Republic Act 10054^{Qw} otherwise known as the Mandatory Helmet Act of 2010 to ensure that only certified quality helmets which passed the Philippine standard or Import Commodity Clearance are sold in the local market.

Adopted,


Manny Villar