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RESOLUTION
**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SERVICES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
SENATE COMMITTEE(S) TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON ROAD AND
TRAFFIC SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS
GIVEN THE ALARMING NUMBER OF VEHICULAR
ACCIDENTS IN THE COUNTRY, WITH THE END IN
VIEW OF ENACTING MEASURES TO PROVIDE
FOR STRICTER REGULATIONS ON ROAD SAFETY
IN THE PHILIPPINES, FOR INFORMATION DRIVES
BY THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE, IN
COORDINATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT
UNITS, AND FOR THE INCLUSION OF ROAD
COURTESY AND DISCIPLINE IN THE PHILIPPINE
BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, *Article II, Section 5 of the Constitution* provides that
*“[t]he maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty,
and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for
the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy;”*

WHEREAS, the statistics provided by the Philippine National
Police-Highway Patrol Group (“PNP-HPG”) shows an alarming increase
in vehicular accidents across the country;

WHEREAS, the PNP-HPG’s data show that in 2014, there were
15,272 incidents of vehicular accidents nationwide resulting in 1,252
deaths. In 2015, these numbers increased to 24,565 vehicular accidents

resulting in 1,040 deaths. In just the first four months of 2016, the PNP-HPG has already recorded 10,656 vehicular accidents in the whole country resulting in 549 deaths;

WHEREAS, similarly, the statistics provided by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (“MMDA”) for the National Capital Region (“NCR”) via its Metro Manila Accident Recording and Analysis System also show a disturbing increase in vehicular accidents. In 2014, there were 90,258 vehicular accidents resulting in 418 deaths. In 2015, these numbers increased to 95,615 vehicular accidents resulting in 519 deaths, with 99.95% of said accidents attributed to human error, such as: bad turning, bad overtaking, overspeeding, drunk driving, distracted driving, or the use of mobile phone while on the wheel, overloading, and avoiding animals, pedestrians, and other road hazards;

WHEREAS, the increase in the frequency of vehicular accidents highlights the pressing need to reassess current road safety rules and regulations and to initiate appropriate legislation to curb the significant number of injuries and casualties caused by non-compliance with traffic and road safety rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, since most of the accidents are attributable to human error, then educating our people, including children of school age, is necessary to avert or minimize these alarming vehicular accidents. These public safety concerns can be addressed by having, among other things, appropriate information drives regarding road courtesy, discipline, and obedience to traffic laws, to be conducted regularly by the Land Transportation Office, in coordination with local government units, and by including road courtesy and discipline in the relevant school curriculum of elementary and secondary learning institutions in the country;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, TO DIRECT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE(S) TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON ROAD AND TRAFFIC SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS GIVEN THE ALARMING NUMBER OF VEHICULAR ACCIDENTS IN THE COUNTRY, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING

MEASURES TO PROVIDE FOR STRICTER REGULATIONS ON ROAD SAFETY IN THE PHILIPPINES, FOR INFORMATION DRIVES BY THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE, IN COORDINATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND FOR THE INCLUSION OF ROAD COURTESY AND DISCIPLINE IN THE PHILIPPINE BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM.

Adopted,


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