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Introduced by **SENATOR LEILA M. DE LIMA**

**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT**  
**AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE OCCURRENCE OF**  
**ROAD ACCIDENTS EMANATING FROM INEFFICIENT VEHICLE**  
**INSPECTION AND REGISTRATION PROCESSES, WITH THE END VIEW**  
**OF ESTABLISHING STRICTER INSPECTION PROCEDURES AND**  
**ENFORCING PENALTIES TO ERRING LICENSING OFFICIALS OF THE**  
**LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) AND LAND**  
**TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD**  
**(LTFRB)**

*WHEREAS*, Article II, Section 5 of the 1987 Constitution provides that “[t]he maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy”;

*WHEREAS*, Section 5 of Republic Act No. 3019, also known as the “Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act” states that “(j) Knowingly approving or granting any license, permit, privilege or benefit in favor of any person not qualified for or not legally entitled to such license, permit, privilege or advantage, or of a mere representative or dummy of one who is not so qualified or entitled” shall constitute as corrupt practice of a public officer and is declared to be unlawful;

*WHEREAS*, in order to ensure the general welfare of the Filipino people, the Land Transportation Office (LTO) is mandated by the State to “inspect and register motor vehicles”<sup>1</sup> thereby, warranting the roadworthiness of all land-based transportation;

*WHEREAS*, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) is likewise mandated to “promulgate, administer, enforce, and monitor compliance of policies, laws, and regulations of public land transportation services”;<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> GOVPH. (2016, December 07). <http://lto.gov.ph>. Retrieved from Land Transportation Office: <http://lto.gov.ph/about-us/mandate-and-functions>

<sup>2</sup> LTFRB. (2017). <http://lfrb.gov.ph>. Retrieved from Land Transportation Franchising & Regulatory Board: <http://lfrb.gov.ph/main/aboutus#4>

*WHEREAS*, in spite of their existing duties and functions, mechanical failure is found to be one of the leading causes of road accidents in the Philippines, second to driver error;<sup>3</sup>

*WHEREAS*, major road accidents emanating from negligence in inspections have been a perennial problem in our society,<sup>4</sup> taking hundreds of innocent Filipino lives in the process;

*WHEREAS*, last February 20, 2017, a tour bus carrying students from Bestlink College Novaliches rammed into an electric post and some trees along a curved road in Magnetic Hill, Barangay Sampaloc in Tanay, claiming the lives of fourteen (14) students, and their driver;<sup>5</sup>

*WHEREAS*, upon the investigation of the LTFRB, it has been found that the bus was manufactured in 1988 and not in 2004, contrary to what was stated on the unit's documents;<sup>6</sup>

*WHEREAS*, three years ago, on February 7, 2014, a faulty emergency brake and the absence of an exhaust brake caused a GV Florida passenger bus to plunge into a ravine in Bontoc, Mt. Province, killing fourteen (14) people and injuring thirty two (32) others;<sup>7</sup>

*WHEREAS*, during the final quarter of 2013, a truck suffering from mechanical failure caused an eight-vehicle collision on a remote highway in Atimonan, Quezon province, which resulted to the death of twenty (20) people and injury of fifty four (54) others;<sup>8</sup>

*WHEREAS*, these tragedies could have been abated by implementing stricter inspection procedures and enforcing penalties to erring licensing authorities;

*WHEREAS*, before granting franchise or license to operate, it should also be imperative to verify the suitability and viability of public transportation businesses to conduct frequent repairs and maintenance of their units;

*WHEREAS*, the Congress should conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on what reforms may be passed in order to ensure that officials are administering regular, systematic and credible check-ups on all vehicles to warrant road-safety;

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<sup>3</sup> Gamboa, Rey. (2014, February 13). <http://www.philstar.com>. Retrieved from The Philippine Star: <http://www.philstar.com/business/2014/02/13/1289646/impact-public-safety-taken-lightly>

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

<sup>5</sup> Felipe, Cecile and Alquitrán, Non. (2017, February 21). <http://www.philstar.com>. Retrieved from The Philippine Star: <http://www.philstar.com/headlines/2017/02/21/1674293/15-dead-tanay-bus-accident>

<sup>6</sup> Takumi, Rie. (2017, February 24). <http://www.gmanetwork.com>. Retrieved from GMA News Online: <http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/600960/news/regions/bus-no-8-registered-as-2004-model-but-was-made-in-1988-ltfrb>

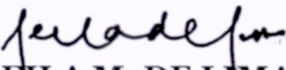
<sup>7</sup> Legaspi, Amita. (2014, February 10). <http://www.gmanetwork.com>. Retrieved from GMA News Online: <http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/347815/news/nation/probers-florida-bus-crash-caused-by-mechanical-failure>

<sup>8</sup> Mallari Jr., Delfin. (2013, October 19). <http://newsinfo.inquirer.net>. Retrieved from Inquirer.net: <http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/510329/20-killed-54-injured-in-quezon-road-accident>



***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the appropriate Senate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the occurrence of road accidents emanating from inefficient vehicle inspection and registration processes, with the end view of establishing stricter inspection procedures and enforcing penalties to erring licensing officials of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB).

*Adopted,*

  
**LEILA M. DE LIMA**