

SENATE

P.S. Resolution No. 13

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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY AND INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE UNREGULATED TAXI BOUNDARY RATES IMPOSED BY TAXI OPERATORS AND THEIR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW ON LABOR STANDARDS OF TAXI DRIVERS

WHEREAS, it is common knowledge among taxi cab drivers not only in Metro Manila but through out the country that the boundary system rates imposed by taxi operators upon the drivers vary because its imposition is unregulated;

WHEREAS, in 2007 the unregulated boundary system rates in Metro Manila range from P700 to P900 (for a 12-hour tour) and P1,200 – P1,500 (for 24-hour tour) which rates have already been increased by the taxi operators at present;

WHEREAS, due to the high boundary rates, taxi drivers find it difficult to pay their operators and their take home pay is very minimal to cope with their daily family expenses;

WHEREAS, as a result of these rates, taxi drivers resort to different schemes to augment their income which usually cause inconvenience to the riding public, such as contracting, requiring the passenger to pay an additional amount above the fare indicated by the meter, allowing different passengers to board one taxi cab at a time to pay a fixed rate for different destinations, refusing a passenger whose destination is traffic congested, fast driving resulting to reckless driving to comply with his boundary rate, even taking drugs to shun drowsiness, among others;

WHEREAS, most, if not all taxi operators consider their drivers as renters of the cab they drive and not employees and thus, they do not follow the labor standard law in dealing with the drivers;

WHEREAS, taxi operators do not pay the Social Security System premiums of their drivers which the drivers shoulder themselves, do not regularize the drivers, fire them without due process and do not shoulder the expenses of the drivers in case of accidents and other physical contingencies;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the **Senate**, to direct the proper committees to conduct an inquiry and investigation, in aid of legislation, regarding the unregulated taxi boundary rates imposed by

taxi operators and their non-compliance with the law on labor standards of taxi drivers.

Adopted,



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