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A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED CONCERNS OVER THE DELAY IN THE RELEASE OF MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES, STICKERS AND TAGS BY THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE WITH THE END VIEW OF PROVIDING PROMPT, ADEQUATE AND TRANSPARENT DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC

WHEREAS, Section 27 of Article II of the Constitution states that: "the State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption;"

WHEREAS, it is also an enshrined standard in public offices to provide prompt and adequate services to the public as mandated by various laws on the ethical standards of employees and officials;

WHEREAS, there is a reported delay in the release of motor vehicle license plates, windshield stickers and plate tags by the Land Transportation Office (LTO) because of a shortage in raw materials in the early months of 2010 that seems to continue until the present;

WHEREAS, the delay in the release of the license plates, stickers and tags has caused, and continues to inconvenience owners and drivers who are being unnecessarily apprehended for driving without license plates or tags;

WHEREAS, LTO cited several causes for the shortage of these materials which include: an unprecedented increase of 300,000 in registered motor vehicles recorded in 2009; current bidding regulations; and the limited production capacity of the LTO Plate-making Plant.

WHEREAS, LTO said that the bidding for supplies of the office is done every six months, which can be further delayed by protests of losing bidders;

WHEREAS, the LTO Plate-Making Plant is in its vintage 50s and can only produce 2,000 license plates a day;

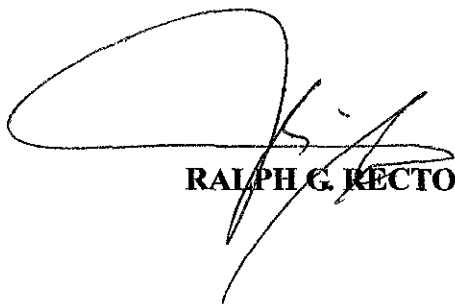
WHEREAS, LTO disclosed that because of the high demand for new plates, stickers and tags, the LTO has already started outsourcing motorcycle plates to other private entities;

WHEREAS, there is a need for Congress to ascertain if these problems can be solved by enacting the proper legislation to prevent a similar occurrence in the future;

WHEREAS, in line with the government's fight against corruption, there is also a need to review the governmental processes involved in the production of these motor vehicle plates, stickers and tags and determine if there is room for corruption and eliminate these accordingly;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Philippine Senate, to direct the Committee on Public Services to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported concerns over the delay in the release of motor vehicle license plates and stickers by the Land Transportation Office with the end view of providing prompt, adequate and transparent delivery of services to the public.

Adopted,



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