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Ride-Hailing Service TADA Sues Gov't for Discrimination

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The operator of ride-hailing app TADA has filed a complaint with the Constitutional Court against the National Assembly's recent decision to ban the business.

Users, drivers and eight other staff of VCNC, which runs the app, said lawmakers violated their civil and property rights by limiting the purpose of ride-sharing service "tourism," duration of service to six hours and pick-up and drop-off locations to air and sea ports.



TADA vans sit in a parking lot in Seoul, in this file photo from Dec. 25, 2019.

They argue the ban violates the Constitution, which protects freedom of choices in a broad sense in the pursuit of happiness.

In other words, the ban violates people's right to choose any transportation they wish and discriminates by limiting services to certain purposes or specific areas. That the ban violates the freedom of business.

TADA obtained approval from the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, but lawmakers, wary of losing the support of the powerful taxi lobby and tradition, banned the service afterwards.

VCNC chief Park Jae-wook is not among the claimants.