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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 149

Introduced by Representative **CARLITO S. MARQUEZ**

RESOLUTION

**REQUESTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO MAKE AN
INVESTIGATION ON THE INFLUX OF E-BIKES AND SCOOTERS
PLYING THE STREETS**

WHEREAS, by definition, the term “e-bike” refers to a bicycle with an electric, pedal-assisted motor;

WHEREAS, e-bikes have been purchased by individuals at the price of some P16,000 per unit and owners use them everywhere;

WHEREAS, there has been a sudden influx of and strong market for e-bikes nowadays and, as a result, there are hordes of e-bikes in the streets and it comes as no surprise, given the traffic and parking problems that motorists in the Philippines have to contend every day;

WHEREAS, compared to conventional gas-powered motorcycles, these light electric vehicles are more economical, environment-friendly, and convenient and a great help in minimizing pollution in the country;

WHEREAS, e-bikes and likewise scooters are not registered with the LTO because they are not supposed to be used in thoroughfares;

WHEREAS, for those assembled in the Philippines, a Board of Investment (BOI) accreditation/registration is required before it can be registered with the LTO;

WHEREAS, owners use e-bikes for several purposes, by attaching a sidecar to ferry passengers or using the three-wheeled units for personal utility or like any other vehicle. These are running on government roads, including major thoroughfares without LTO registration, hence, illegal and subject to apprehension and penalty;

WHEREAS, Metro Manila and other metropolis gear for a modern mass transport system, electric bikes/tricycles that indiscriminately ply the streets are deemed illegal because these are not authorized to pick up passengers and run on major roads and law enforcers will apprehend e-trike anytime soon;

WHEREAS, the Land Transportation Office (LTO) will seize electric bikes, scooters and e-trikes that ply government roads as these are not registered, and anyone who figures in an accident would not be covered by insurance;

WHEREAS, we need to address the following concerns, to wit:

1. Is there a national law regulating the use of e-bike, scooter or e-trike which means that anyone, with or without driver's license, can use, drive or operate it on major streets just like any motorized vehicle?
2. Is an e-bike or scooter simply a bike and, therefore, in most cases it is exempted from traffic rules and regulations?

3. Are users of e-bike or scooter, even without a driver's license, are not required to use helmets?
4. Does an e-bike or scooter need no registration as long as it has foot pedals for manual pedaling?
5. Does an e-bike or scooter not required to have number plate nor to be covered by insurance?

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE INFLUX OF E-BIKES, SCOOTERS AND E-TRIKES. PLYING THE STREETS.

Adopted.


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