

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH (18th) CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 481



Introduced by: **Representative Jose L. Atienza, Jr.**

A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINES, TO CALL FOR AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PROLIFERATION OF UNREGULATED COURIER OPERATORS.

WHEREAS, the growing number of Internet Subscribers in the country today has resulted to an increase of E Commerce revenue from P 44 Trillion in 2018, from P 36 Trillion in 2017, with e couriers now worth P 36 Billion.

WHEREAS, the rapid growth of E Commerce resulted to the rise of the demand for courier and freight forwarding services, which started sprouting like mushrooms.

WHEREAS, the freight and forwarding services are supposed to be regulated by the Department of Trade and Industry for accreditation and regulation function, and the Department of Information and Communications Technology Postal Regulations Division for courier services on both domestic and international freight forwarders.

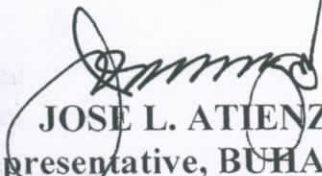
WHEREAS, the DICT revealed that modern information and communications technology are being used by unscrupulous foreign couriers, that has placed legitimate freight and courier services companies in an unfair situation of competing against unregulated and fly-by night operators.

WHEREAS, incidents where some OFWS are being tagged as smugglers have increased due to lack of measures to regulate the freight and courier service industry.

WHEREAS, there had also been a bombing incident in Quiapo Manila in 2017, where a pipe bomb was concealed as a gift package sent to a potential target using an app-based service.

WHEREAS, there is a need to craft a law in order to regulate the courier services in the country in order to protect the consumers and the legitimate players of the industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO CALL FOR AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PROLIFERATION OF UNREGULATED COURIER OPERATORS.


JOSE L. ATIENZA, JR.
Representative, BUKAY Party-List