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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 165



Introduced by **HON. LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.**

RESOLUTION
URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MMDA
PROVINCIAL BUS BAN ON EDSA

WHEREAS, In March 2019, the Metro Manila Council, the governing and policy-making body of the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), approved Regulation Number 19-002 that aims to close down all 47 provincial bus terminals along EDSA as part of the efforts to solve the traffic congestion in the metro;

WHEREAS, the regulation moves the loading and unloading zones of the provincial buses to the integrated terminal in Sta. Rosa in Laguna for those coming from the south, and to the terminal in Valenzuela City for those from the north;

WHEREAS, those with terminals in Pasay City will use the Paranaque Integrated Terminal Exchange (PITX);

WHEREAS, the regulation also mandates local government units to revoke or stop the issuance of business permits to provincial bus operators for their terminals along EDSA;

WHEREAS, MMDA's 2007 figures show that there are 3,300 provincial buses, 12,000 city buses and more than 247,000 private vehicles that pass along EDSA daily;

WHEREAS, Data from the MMDA in 2017 shows that Public utility buses (PUBs) comprise only 3% of the total traffic, as private cars took up 67% of road space still;

WHEREAS, The ban will affect 8,000 provincial buses or two-thirds of the 12,000 registered PUBs;

WHEREAS, the ban is facing complaints from thousands of commuters as the move would be cumbersome, costly, and time-consuming for passengers who usually carry with them heavy pieces of luggage when traveling to Metro Manila and back to their provinces;

WHEREAS, concerned citizens filed cases with the Supreme claiming that MMDA "exceeded its powers" when it issued the regulation "because it does not possess legislative nor police powers";

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7924 (An Act Creating the MMDA) "did not grant the MMDA with police power, nor legislative power";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to urge the House Committee on Transportation to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the implementation of the provincial bus ban on EDSA.

ADOPTED,



LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.