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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 649

Introduced by RAM Party-list REPRESENTATIVE ALOYSIA T. LIM

**AN URGENT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE
DECISION OF THE INTER-AGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP TO EXTEND THE PILOT
IMPLEMENTATION OF MOTORCYCLE TAXIS**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state to protect its people and promote general welfare for the enjoyment of the blessings of democracy (**ART. II Sec. 4-5**);

WHEREAS, the state shall craft policies that promote full employment, raise the standard of living and improve the quality of life of its people (**ART. II Sec. 9**);

WHEREAS, it is the right of the people to be informed on matters of public concern (**ART. III Sec. 7**);

WHEREAS, motorcycle taxi has become an alternative mode of transportation, for its relatively cheaper cost and for its convenience;

WHEREAS, this situation has prompted the government through the Department of Transportation to issue the General Guidelines for the Pilot Implementation of Motorcycle Taxis;

WHEREAS, the Guidelines specifically stipulated the areas of implementation, safety requirements, responsibility of the company to share data, fare matrix, key performance indicators, number of riders allowed, insurance for passengers, operational requirements and timeline;

WHEREAS, it is provided that after a period of six months, the Inter-Agency Technical Working Group (TWG) shall reconvene to assess, validate and recommend the extension of the Pilot Implementation;

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2019, the Inter-Agency TWG extended the six-month pilot run of motorcycle taxis for another three months;

WHEREAS, the three-month extension comes with a provision that there will be a cap of 39,000 registered riders to be allocated among the three qualified motorcycle transport companies;

WHEREAS, the said cap will allegedly dislodge 17,000 riders of the pioneer motorcycle taxi service provider, thereby losing their source of income;

WHEREAS, the TWG arrived at the decision allegedly without the participation or consultation with consumer groups and other stakeholders representing public interest;

WHEREAS, there is a clamor for transparency and a call for inclusion of civil society in government decision-making processes;

WHEREAS, several issues are uncovered as a result of this controversy especially, an alleged violation of the Constitution;

WHEREAS, a congressional inquiry is necessary to aid in crafting measures relative to motorcycle taxis and provide necessary information to the public regarding the matter;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT A PROPER HOUSE COMMITTEE BE DIRECTED TO CONDUCT AN URGENT AND EXHAUSTIVE INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DECISION OF THE INTER-AGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP TO EXTEND THE PILOT IMPLEMENTATION MOTORCYCLE TAXIS.

Adopted.


ALOYSIA T. LIM