

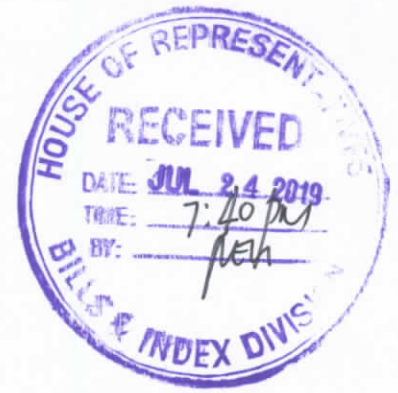


Republic of the Philippines  
**House of Representatives**

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**

*First Regular Session*

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123**



**Introduced by Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma**  
**Lone District of Nueva Vizcaya**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Several complaints regarding the discrimination of passengers going to and coming from Nueva Vizcaya by private bus operators plying the Cagayan Valley route, which traverses Nueva Vizcaya, Isabela until Tuguegarao City, have been received by the undersigned. Passengers who are from Nueva Vizcaya are the ones mostly affected by such discrimination because they are the ones who will potentially pay the lowest fares.

The discrimination may be characterized as follows:

- (a) Whenever a passenger makes a reservation at the Metro Manila terminals of private bus operators plying the Cagayan Valley route, they would be informed that there are no available seats but later on they will learn that there are still seats available but passengers from Isabela and Cagayan are given first priority because they will pay higher fares compared to passengers from our province.
- (b) Chance passengers from our province en route to Metro Manila are having a very difficult time getting a ride from passing buses because they are always full, or worse, the buses don't want to stop at all.

Under the law, common carriers are under obligation to carry any passenger regardless of their destination and they cannot refuse passengers simply because their prospective destination is very near or that it would be less profitable for them

Hence this proposed resolution calling for a legislative investigation on this alleged discriminatory practice of private bus companies to possibly craft legislation that will penalize those who discriminate with more severe sanctions.

With this, support for this measure is earnestly sought.

*Luisa Lloren Cuaresma*  
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**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION  
ON THE ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION OF PASSENGERS GOING TO AND  
FROM THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA BY PRIVATE BUS OPERATORS  
PLYING THE CAGAYAN VALLEY ROUTE.**

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives assembled:*

WHEREAS, under the law, common carriers are under obligation to carry any passenger regardless of their destination and they cannot refuse passengers simply because their prospective destination is very near or that it would be less profitable for them;

WHEREAS, several complaints regarding the discrimination of passengers going to and coming from Nueva Vizcaya by private bus operators plying the Cagayan Valley route which traverses Nueva Ecija, Nueva Vizcaya, Isabela until Tuguegarao City have been made by the commuting constituents of Nueva Vizcaya;

WHEREAS, there is a need to conduct an investigation in aid of legislation to discover the truth about such illegal and discriminatory practice to protect public interest and for possible enactment of legislation that will penalize or impose more severe sanction against common carriers that engage in discriminatory practices;

NOW THEREFORE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DULY ASSEMBLED, HEREBY RESOLVES, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED, to conduct a legislative inquiry on the alleged discrimination of passengers going to and coming from Nueva Vizcaya by private bus operators plying the Cagayan Valley route.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Secretary of Transportation and Communication, the Chairman of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board, and the private bus operators plying the Cagayan Valley route, for preliminary information in preparation for the committee hearings that will be conducted in relation to this resolution.

Approved