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Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez

House Reso No. 742

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE DELAYS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ACCREDITING NEW SMOKE EMISSION TESTING CENTERS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES WHICH RESULTS IN DELAYS IN THE RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND ON THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE IN CONTINUOUSLY CHARGING PENALTIES AND SURCHARGES FOR LATE REGISTRATION EVEN IF NOT THE FAULT OF THE VEHICLE OWNER

WHEREAS, Section 21 of Republic Act No. 8749 or the "Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999" provides that "The DOTC shall implement the emission standards for motor vehicles set pursuant to and as provided in this Act. To further improve the emission standards, the Department shall review, revise and publish the standards every two (2) years, or as the need arises. It shall consider the maximum limits for all major pollutants to ensure substantial improvement in air quality for the health, safety and welfare of the general public;

WHEREAS, Section 22 of the same law provides that, "No motor vehicle registration (MVR) shall be issued unless such motor vehicle passes the emission testing requirement promulgated in accordance with this Act. Such testing shall be conducted by the DOTC or its authorized inspection centers within sixty (60) days prior to date of registration";

WHEREAS, as a result of the law, Private emission testing centers (PETCs) were put up to provide emission testing for owners of motor vehicles;

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) has been shutting down PETCs which they find to have been violating the law and falsifying test results so owners of vehicles who fail the test can still register their vehicles;

WHEREAS, while we laud the DOTr for doing its job, they should find a way to accredit more legitimate PETCs and ensure strict compliance with the law

WHEREAS, the newly-formed Clean Air Movement of the Philippines Inc. (Campi) was formed by stakeholders from Private Emission Testing Centers;

WHEREAS, according to Campi, there are 1,819 authorized PETCs in operation nationwide and that around 70% of PETCs nationwide have already been shut down due to violations that were not properly investigated;

WHEREAS, the closure of these PETCs hit some areas of the country harder, forcing motor vehicle owners to go out of their way and spend more to travel to another PETC tens of kilometers away;

WHEREAS, an example is Cagayan de Oro City where complaints have been piling up because what is happening is that owners of motor vehicle have to line up very early in the morning in order to get a number which they get after lining up for 4-5 hours;

WHEREAS, after getting their numbers, they wait until their number is called and they will be given an appointment for their emissions test which is at least 2 weeks away;

WHEREAS, this results in the owners having to pay penalties for late registration of their vehicles;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the DOTr and the LTO to immediately address this problem and find a solution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives to direct the Committee on Transportation to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation on the above issue and thus serve notice to all concerned, including the DOTr, the LTO, Campi and such other entities and corporations which may shed light and resolve the issue

Adopted,



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