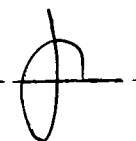


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P. S. RES. No. 1231

Introduced by Senator Raffy T. Tulfo

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF MMDA REGULATION NO. 23-002 AND OTHER TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS FOLLOWING THE RECENT TRAFFIC VIOLATION CONCERNING ON THE EDSA BUS WAY

1 WHEREAS, Land Transportation Office is the lead government agency that is in
2 charge of regulating land transportation in the Philippines by providing traffic rules
3 and regulations based on Republic Act No. 4136 or the Traffic Code of the Philippines;

4 WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority is the government
5 agency responsible for planning, overseeing, and implementing programs aimed at
6 improving traffic, public safety, and development in Metro Manila or the National
7 Capital Region (NCR) as provided for in their charter; Republic Act No. 7924;

8 WHEREAS, the aforementioned agencies perform distinct but complementary
9 functions, primarily related to transportation, traffic management, and road safety of
10 the Filipino People;

11 WHEREAS, on November 3, 2024 a recorded video from a member of the
12 Special Action and Intelligence Committee for Transportation [SAICT] of an
13 apprehension in EDSA Bus Way, particularly in the portion of Guadalupe, Makati went
14 viral on both tradition media and social media wherein a vehicle using a "7" protocol
15 plate evaded and forcefully resisted apprehension;

16 WHEREAS, the above mentioned protocol plates is governed by Executive Order
17 (EO) 287 which provides that protocol license plates are designated and reserved for
18 use exclusively by top government officials of the Republic of the Philippines as defined

1 in DOTC's department Order (DO) 2014-004 in relation of observation and
2 implementation of the protocol plates issued by the LTO;

3 WHEREAS, MMDA Regulation No. 23-002 imposes fines for violation of
4 exclusive city bus lane or the EDSA carousel lane regulation for both public and private
5 vehicles;

6 WHEREAS, On November 6, 2024, in a press conference called by LTO Assistant
7 Secretary Vigor D. Mendoza II, it was confirmed that the vehicle is registered under a
8 Private Corporation;

9 WHEREAS, in order to shed light on the incident, there is a need to investigate
10 further on the possible avenues that Private Persons may take advantage of to illegally
11 procure and utilize counterfeit protocol plates;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, RESOLVED, that the Committee on Public Services
13 conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation into the inadequacy of existing traffic rules and
14 regulations which made possible the recent traffic violation concerning the EDSA Bus
15 Lane;

16 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Committee shall have the following
17 Objectives:

- 18 1. Identify the means of illegal acquisition and use of protocol plate numbers
19 by private individuals;
- 20 2. Identify the lack of resources of the MMDA, LTO and other government
21 agencies to effectively apprehend traffic law violations;
- 22 3. Legislate into law any required regulation or appropriation in order to
23 effectively support government agencies in the exercise of their functions
24 in enforcing relevant traffic laws.

25 Adopted,



RAFFY T. TULFO