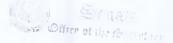
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## P. S. RES. No.<u>1081</u>

## Introduced by Senator Raffy T. Tulfo

## RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CONTINUOUS PROLIFERATION OF TRANSIT SECURITY AND SAFETY PROBLEMS WITHIN THE VICINITIES OF THE MANILA LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM (LRT) AND MANILA METRO RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM (MRT) WITH THE END IN VIEW OF IDENTIFYING SAFETY MEASURES AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN OUR RAIL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, instances of theft, harassment, or accidents in MRT and LRT require
 immediate and effective responses to ensure passenger safety and security;

WHEREAS, in the Philippines, pickpocketing in trains and vicinities of train stations is one of the major issues that burdens commuters especially during peak hours, in which there are more opportunities for criminals to take advantage of the passengers;

WHEREAS, gender-based violence were also reported by members of Lesbian,
Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) as
well as women passengers;

10 WHEREAS, these acts ranging from verbal harassment to physical assault which 11 lead to dread discomfort and fear to the passengers, should not be tolerated in any 12 public transportation system;

13 WHEREAS, even irresponsible passengers can also be potentially dangerous 14 through falsely claiming the presence of explosive or other threats in public; and in 15 fact, in February 2024, a man was arrested after joking around with friends about a 16 bomb at MRT Shaw Boulevard Station in Mandaluyong; 1 WHEREAS, a Rappler documentary reported that in 2023, 80% of the 46 train 2 stations in Metro Manila lacked fully accessible entrances, only five out of 20 LRT-1 3 train stations had elevators, trains were not on the same level as the platform, thereby 4 compromising the PWD's safety;

5 WHEREAS, on June 24, 2024, a commuter jumped on the LRT-1 train tracks, 6 consequently affecting the train service operation;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for an inquiry to investigate on this
occurrences and complaints pertaining to the safety and security within the rail
transportation system: Now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, To direct the Senate Committee on Public 11 Services to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the continuous proliferation of 12 transit security and safety problems within the vicinities of the Manila Light Rail Transit 13 System (LRT) and Manila Metro Rail Transit System (MRT) with the end in view of 14 identifying safety measures and emergency responses in our rail transportation 15 system.

Adopted,

RAFFY T. TULFO