

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC) OF THE PHILIPPINES) First Regular Session)

'17 MAY 11 P3:26

SENATE P. S. R. No. _____375

RECEIVED BY

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND FRANCHISE REGULATORY BOARD'S (LTFRB) DRIVERS BADGE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Land Transportation and Franchise Regulatory Board (LTFRB) promulgated Memorandum Circular No. 2015-11 governing the LTFRB's Drivers Badge Program ("Program");

WHEREAS, the Memorandum empowered and enabled the LTFRB to mandate that only drivers who are certified by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and issued with LTFRB Driver's Badges will be allowed to drive and operate PUVs;

WHEREAS, during a public hearing¹ on a different topic held by the Committee on Public Services, transport groups appealed for a separate hearing on the matter, as they are concerned about the pending implementation of the Program this coming June 2017;

WHEREAS, these transport groups lamented the multiplicity of driver IDs and other unreasonable requirements imposed on public utility drivers;

WHEREAS, it was also contended in the same hearing that the Program's mechanism of assigning points for violations, on top of those that will be imposed by the Land Transportation Office and the Metro Manila Development Authority, is not only unconscionable but is also beyond the mandate of the LTFRB;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines, to direct the Senate Committee on Public Services to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the Land Transportation and Franchise Regulatory Board's (LTFRB) Drivers Badge Program.

Adopted,

¹ See transcript of 9 May 2017 public hearing on "Extending the Validity Period of Driver's License From 3 Years to 5 Years", held by the Committee on Public Services.