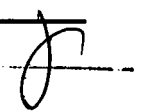

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

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RESOLUTION
URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VARIOUS RULES, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES IN RELATION TO MOTORCYCLE RIDERS, WITH THE END GOALS OF ENSURING THE OBSERVANCE OF MOTORCYCLE RIDERS' RIGHTS AND TO ENACT NECESSARY LEGISLATION TO RECTIFY EXISTING ABUSIVE PRACTICES AND EXCESSIVE FINES

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Motorcycle Development Program Participants Association (MDPPA) reported that there was a 13% increase in said year's sales of motorcycles reaching 613,896 sold units compared to 2016's 544,788¹;

WHEREAS, the increase in the sales of motorcycles this year and the years to come will surely continue as sellers now only require as low as Php1,500.00 for one to take home a motorcycle unit with a monthly amortization of Php2,000.00;

WHEREAS, in 2017, based on data from Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), it has been reported that "motorcycle-related" injuries comprise 69% of the total identified transport incidents nationwide²;

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Police's (PNP) Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management (DIDM) reported in 2017 that from 1 July 2016 to 30 September 2017, an astounding 33% of deaths due to homicide cases were perpetrated by motorcycle-riding criminals³;

WHEREAS, the affordability of motorcycle units, the increase of motorcycle accidents and the increase of criminal activities involving motorcycles led to stricter

¹ <https://www.topgear.com.ph/moto-sapiens/motorcycle-news/most-motorcycles-sales-financing-a00188-20170726>

² <https://www.rappler.com/move-ph/issues/road-safety/166151-road-crashes-philippines-awareness-safety>

³ <https://news.mb.com.ph/2017/10/23/pnp-starts-collating-data-on-crimes-of-motorcycle-riding-in-tandem/>

checkpoints specifically targeting motorcycle riders and the latter are now perceived by the community as reckless riders and/or prone to criminal activities;

WHEREAS, the Rider Guardians Community (RGC), a nationwide network of motorcycle riders, once pushed in 2015 their advocacy to remove the stigma against motorcycle riders and to promote road safety and their rights⁴;

WHEREAS, the RGC pinpointed four (4) abuses to motorcycle riders' rights: (a) irregular PNP checkpoints; (b) national laws that penalize motorcycle riders excessively; (c) high fines being imposed against motorcycle riders; and (d) local ordinances that have overlooked the income of minimum age-earning motorists⁵;

WHEREAS, the very first Section of the Bill of Rights enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that no person shall "be denied the equal protection of the law";

WHEREAS, there is a need for the State to ensure that while it intends to substantially bring down the number of accidents and crimes involving motorcycles, the State shall not do so to the detriment of the rights of motorcycle riders who seem to be treated with automatic disdain and "harassment" at times;

WHEREAS, the State must ensure that motorcycle riders are not being discriminated upon and must be treated equally compared to riders and/or drivers of four-wheeled motor vehicles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to urge the Senate Committee on Public Services to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the implementation of various rules, regulations and policies in relation to motorcycle riders, with the end goals of ensuring the observance of motorcycle riders' rights and to enact necessary legislation to rectify existing abusive practices and excessive fines;

Adopted.


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⁴ <https://www.rappler.com/move-ph/98543-motorcycle-riders-push-rights-road-safety>

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