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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez

House Reso No. 1045

A RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE TO SUSPEND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2019-2176 DATED DECEMBER 5, 2019

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10930 which amended Republic Act No. 4136, otherwise known as the "Land Transportation and Traffic Code" provides that the Land Transportation Office (LTO) shall promulgate prerequisites and guidelines before the grant of driver’s licenses and that the conduct of theoretical and practical examinations, among others, must sufficiently measure the competency of drivers and must be designed to the type of license applied for its corresponding restrictions;

WHEREAS, as a result, the LTO issued Memorandum Circular No. 2019-2176 (MC 2019-2176) dated December 5, 2019 which basically provides for the accreditation of driving institutions and the standardization of driver education;

WHEREAS, MC 2019-2176 requires that those applying for Student Driver’s Permit shall undergo 15 hours of theoretical driving course;

WHEREAS, the same MC also requires that those renewing their valid driver’s license shall undergo an 8 hours Driving Enhancement Program;

WHEREAS, those with demerit points shall undergo the same Driving Enhancement Program of varying hours depending on the number of demerit points;

WHEREAS, while the purpose of the MC is laudable and that first-time applicants should indeed undergo a theoretical and actual driving course, there seems to be no logic for applicants renewing their driver’s license to undergo Driving Enhancement Program if they have no violations on their records;
WHEREAS, it would seem that there are many problems that would result from the implementation of the MC 2019-2176 and it will only be an additional financial burden to the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, it is not provided in the law that the LTO will accredit external private driving schools and it is common knowledge that these driving schools are there to make money;

WHEREAS, the LTO should be the one offering these courses and programs free of charge to first-time applicants and only to those renewing their driver’s licenses with demerit points;

WHEREAS, this will be even more burdensome to people in far flung areas who need a driver’s license who will have to travel to an LTO office or a private driving institution and pay exorbitant amounts just to have a driver’s license;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives to urge the Department of Transportation and the Land Transportation Office to suspend the implementation of Memorandum Circular No. 2019-2176 dated December 5, 2019

Adopted,

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