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House Resolution No. **1248**



Introduced by the Honorable Precious Hipolito Castelo

A RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOTr) TO DO A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSAL TO MANDATE THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTRIC BIKES (E-BIKES) AND ELECTRIC SCOOTERS (E-SCOOTERS) BEFORE ITS IMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS, in a statement, Assistant Secretary Edgar Galvante of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) said that it had transmitted to DOTr a copy of draft guidelines which aim to regulate all kinds of electric vehicles including e-scooters and e-bikes;

WHEREAS, it is undeniable that the unavailability of transport modes due to the physical distancing restrictions demanded by the pandemic has caused the sudden influx of e-scooters and e-bikes plying the streets;

WHEREAS, while it is acknowledged that these personal mobility devices are not entirely safe, it is a question of whether or not registration of these devices is the answer to make them safe for everyone;

WHEREAS, it is worthy to note that most of the users of e-bikes and e-scooters were public transport commuters before who were left with no other choice but to buy these devices due to lack of alternative public transport modes;

WHEREAS, as the country adjusts to the new normal, the government must be receptive to new technologies and ideas offered as solutions and alternatives;

WHEREAS, there must be a way to regulate the use of these devices without being restrictive for use of the commuting public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to urge the DOTr to do a comprehensive study of the potential impacts of the proposal to mandate the registration of e-bikes and e-scooters before its implementation.

APPROVED,


PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO