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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Resolution No. 1272



Introduced by the Honorable Precious Hipolito Castelo

A RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOTr) TO WAIVE THE USAGE FEE AND MAINTAINING BALANCE REQUIREMENT IN BEEP CARDS TO BE USED FOR PAYMENT OF FARES TO BUSES PLYING THE EDSA BUSWAY, LRT-1, LRT-2, MRT-3 AND OTHER MODERN PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the abrupt implementation of the “No Beep Card, No Ride” policy in EDSA carousel buses last October 1 has caught many commuters by surprise;

WHEREAS, while the intent to shift to cashless transactions should be applauded, the cost of one Beep card which is PhP180.00 (with an initial load of PhP100.00) is too much for the minimum wage earners who often have only the exact fare for the day for their daily commute;

WHEREAS, the distribution of Beep cards was also not efficient and it was met by criticism from commuters who had to form a queue to buy the cards;

WHEREAS, it is hereby suggested that the Beep cards should be given to the commuters for free, and there should be no usage fee charged on top of the pre-paid load;

WHEREAS, there should also be no maintaining balance requirement for the use of the Beep cards, considering that the minimum fare for riding a Public Utility Bus is only PhP13.00 for air-conditioned units and PhP11.00 for ordinary units;

WHEREAS, considering that ordinary Filipinos are still reeling from the economic effects of the pandemic, there should be no other hidden charges for the use of Beep cards and commuters should only pay for the actual fare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to urge the DOTr to waive the usage fee and maintaining balance requirement for Beep cards to be used for payment of fares to buses plying the EDSA Busway, LRT-1, LRT-2, MRT-3 and other modern public utility vehicles.

APPROVED,


PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO