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House Resolution No. 1367



Introduced by the Honorable Precious Hipolito Castelo

A RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEFER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CASHLESS TOLL PAYMENTS THROUGH THE RADIO-FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION (RFID) SYSTEM UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2021

WHEREAS, as an effort to minimize Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) transmissions, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) has been pushing for a full shift to a Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) system for all toll payments;

WHEREAS, DOTr initially announced that by November 2, 2020, all toll payments will be cashless and contactless;

WHEREAS, this deadline was further extended to December 1, 2020 in order to give more time to vehicle owners to acquire the appropriate RFID stickers;

WHEREAS, it cannot be denied that many vehicles still do not have their corresponding RFID stickers as indicated by the long queues at the official installation sites and toll plazas;

WHEREAS, to ease off the long lines, off-site installations were being done through the efforts of public and private organizations and individuals, in partnership with NLEx Corporation and San Miguel Corporation;

WHEREAS, with the upcoming Christmas season, the volume of cars on the road is expected to increase;

WHEREAS, considering that there are many vehicles still without the appropriate RFID stickers, this can cause massive build-ups of traffic in the toll plazas if the deadline will be strictly implemented on December 1;

WHEREAS, through this Resolution, it is therefore suggested that the deadline be further extended until next year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to urge the DOTr to defer the implementation of cashless toll payments through the RFID System until January 1, 2021.

APPROVED,


PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO