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RESOLUTION NO. 127

RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEFER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CASHLESS TOLL PAYMENTS THROUGH RADIO-FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION (RFID) SYSTEM UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE SYSTEMS ARE READY TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL AND ARE INTEROPERABLE

WHEREAS, in an effort to minimize the COVID-19 transmission, the government, including the Department of Transportation (DOTr), has been pushing for a shift to cashless and contactless payment systems, including the full shift to a Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) system for all toll payments;



WHEREAS, considering that there are more than six (6) million vehicles registered in the NCR, Region III and Region IV-A, the data shows that there are still a lot of vehicles that will potentially use the tollways frequently which do not have RFID stickers installed yet. It was determined that the tollway operators would not be able to install the necessary number of RFID stickers in time for the deadline on December 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, there are multiple reports of long queues at the toll plazas and RFID installation sites due to the tremendous increase in the number of motorists who want to avail of the RFID stickers and the usual Christmas rush;

WHEREAS, due to the increase in number of vehicles using the toll roads without RFID stickers, the Committee on Transportation has determined that it would be best if cash payments and cash lanes would still be allowed while a cashless payment system is not yet fully operational as it suggested that a timeline of gradual phaseout of cash lanes should also be implemented;

WHEREAS, the minimum load for each RFID tag is Two hundred pesos (P200.00) to Five hundred pesos (P500.00). Considering that all vehicles are required to install RFIDs, there is a significant amount or deposit advanced to the concessionaires through this minimum load;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Republic Act No. 11127 or "The National Payment Systems Act", the Bangko Sentral shall oversee the payment systems in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation required the TRB to submit a report on how the funds will be utilized to ensure that the motorists would benefit from the cashless payment system;

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, in the meeting conducted on November 25, 2020, also recommended that the LTO should include the installation of RFID stickers as part of registration of brand new vehicles and renewal of vehicle registration for the convenience of vehicle owners;