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Introduced by REPRESENTATIVES ENRICO A. PINEDA and MICHAEL ODYLON L. ROMERO, PhD.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CHARGING OF PARKING FEES ON MALLS AND OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING GOVERNMENT FACILITIES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING LEGISLATION TO REGULATE THE SAME

WHEREAS, it is the inherent duty of the State to protect consumers from unnecessary, unreasonable and unjustified exactions particularly from businesses and other similar enterprises;

WHEREAS, it has been a practice among malls and other building owners to exact a fee from customers using the parking spaces provided within their premises;

WHEREAS, a number of local government units and government instrumentalities have likewise ventured into charging parking fees for on-street parking, most of which through "private parking management" entities;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court recognizes the right of retail establishment owners to charge a certain fee for the use of its parking spaces for motor vehicles;

WHEREAS, there are claims that the charges and parking fees are most of the times, exhorbitant enough to warrant additional services which should include liability in case of loss or damage to the motor vehicle;

WHEREAS, there have been several complaints that despite the charges, the establishment owners and parking management entities does not warrant the security and safety of the vehicles entering their premises;

WHEREAS, there have been several reports of carnapping, robbery and simple mischief committed against parked vehicles where establishment owners and parking management entities refuse to take liability from.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives that the Committee on Trade and Industry and other appropriate committees be directed to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on

charging of parking fees on malls and other similar establishments including government facilities, with the end in view of enacting legislation to regulate the same.

Adopted,

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