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Introduced by
ANAKALUSUGAN PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR

**RESOLUTION URGING THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT TO STUDY THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF AN AMBUCYCLE SYSTEM AS A NATIONWIDE FIRST
RESPONDER**

WHEREAS, Article 2 Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution states that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;"

WHEREAS, various studies found that injuries, traumas, and other health emergencies that do not receive immediate attention such as first aid, were among the leading causes of death in the country. Records showed that one person died every 22 minutes due to failure to receive first aid.¹

WHEREAS, according to a study by the Boston Consulting Group, Metro Manila motorists and commuters get stuck in traffic for an average of 66 minutes daily, placing the Philippines' capital region the 3rd worst in traffic in Southeast Asia;²

WHEREAS, an Ambucycle and its medic rider can reach the scene of an accident or the home of a patient in an average of 90 seconds. This is significantly faster than the 20-30

¹ <https://news.mb.com.ph/2016/12/08/health-emergency-preparedness-day/>

² <https://www.rappler.com/business/190016-metro-manila-traffic-southeast-asia-study-bcg-uber>

³ <https://www.wired.com/2013/08/ambucycle/>

⁴ <https://www.rappler.com/brandrap/tech-and-innovation/217891-angkas-buhay-first-motorcycle-ambulance-philippines>


minutes it could take a traditional ambulance to reach the same destination while dealing with traffic congestion and road closures;³

WHEREAS, as an example, Angkas driver-partner Francis Belecario was instrumental in rescuing P01 Berlino L. Ricafort who was involved in an incident in Cebu City. Belecario helped subdue a mentally-ill man pelting an already-injured Ricafort with stones, and in the process receiving minor injuries as well. Belecario though was still able to bring Ricafort to the nearest hospital for treatment. Had it not been for Belecario, Ricafort's injuries could have been life-threatening;⁴

WHEREAS, given the current situation of traffic in the Philippines and the predicament it presents to emergency medical service, there is a need for study on the implementation of alternatives other than the traditional ambulance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Executive Department study the implementation of an ambucycle system as a nationwide first responder.

Adopted,


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