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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 659**



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**Introduced by Representative RICO B. GERON**

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**RESOLUTION**  
**URGING THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY (PPA) TO IMMEDIATELY**  
**DISCONTINUE THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ITS**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 05-2019**

**WHEREAS**, on July 8, 2019, the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) issued Administrative Order No. 05-2019 mandating the weighing of all domestic outbound laden containers and RO-RO vehicles as well as exempting from the payment of weighing fee those domestic outbound laden containers and RO-RO vehicle Type 3 and 4 only.

**WHEREAS**, according to the said administrative order, Type 3 vehicles include light delivery truck, van, pick-up truck, and PUJ while Type 4 vehicles include stake truck, heavy delivery truck, passenger/tourist bus, prime mover, tractor head with or without trailer/chassis, 10-wheeler trucks.

**WHEREAS**, the effect of the said administrative order is that other domestic outbound laden cargoes that are not carried by Type 3 and 4 vehicles shall pay a weighing fee.

**WHEREAS**, Presidential Decree No. 857, or the Revised Charter of the PPA, as amended, mandates the PPA to provide the following port-related services:

“Section 6. Corporate Powers and Duties

(a) The corporate duties of the Authority shall be:

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v. To provide services (whether on its own, by contract, or otherwise) within the Port Districts and the approaches thereof, including but not limited to:

- berthing, towing, mooring, slipping, or docking any vessel;
- loading or discharging any vessel;
- sorting, weighing, measuring, storing, warehousing, or otherwise handling goods.”

**WHEREAS**, under the same law, among the corporate powers of the PPA is to levy dues, rates, or charges for the use of the premises, works, appliances, facilities, or for services provided by or belonging to the PPA, or any other organization concerned with port operations, to wit:

**"Section 20. Rates and Charges**

- (a) The Authority may impose, fix, prescribe, increase or decrease such rates, charges, or fees for the use of port premises, works, appliances or equipment belonging to the Authority and port facilities provided, and for services rendered by the Authority or by any organization within a Port District.

Provided, that upon the coming into operation of this Decree, the rates of storage and arrastre in all ports of the Philippines shall be those now provided under Parts 4 and 5 of Title VII Book II of the Tariff and Customs Code until such time when the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Board may order that the revised rates, charges, or fees are in effect.

- (b) The Authority shall regulate the rates or charges for port services or port related services so that taking one year with another, such rates or charges furnish adequate working capital and produce an adequate return on the assets of the Authority. In regulating the rates or charges for individual ports the Authority shall take into account the development needs of the ports' hinterland.

- (c) All dues, fees, charges and other sums imposed and collected by the Authority shall accrue to the Authority and shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of this Decree.

**WHEREAS**, the services of weighing cargoes is the function and services catered by arrastre operators and that the payment of weighing fee is already been charged by handling operators.

**WHEREAS**, the imposition of weighing fee to those not covered by exemption will ultimately increase the shipping cost of goods and ultimately ends up a burden to the end-users.

**WHEREAS**, among the most affected industry is the agriculture industry where the goods are required to be in volume so as to cater the needs of farmers and poultry growers even in the most far flung areas in the Philippines.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**, to urge the Philippine Port Authority to immediately discontinue the implementation and enforcement of its Administrative Order No. 05-2019.

Adopted,

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