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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 899



Introduced by Representative Diego "Nonoy" C. Ty

**A RESOLUTION
URGING THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES
(IATF-EID) TO ALLOW PEOPLE FROM THE SAME HOUSEHOLD TO BACKRIDE ON
MOTORCYCLES IN AREAS UNDER GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ)**

WHEREAS, the Inter-agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) was created by virtue of Executive Order No. 168, s. 2014 as the instrument of the Philippine government in assessing, monitoring, containing, controlling and preventing the spread of any potential epidemic in the Philippines¹;

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) was first identified in December 2019 in Wuhan, China and has spread globally, resulting in an ongoing pandemic with more than 5.1 million reported cases as well as deaths of around 332 thousand around the world², including the Philippines with 13,597 cases and 857 deaths as of May 22, 2020³;

WHEREAS, earlier this year, the IATF-IED convened in the light of the first reported case of COVID-19 with a 38-year-old female Chinese national on January 30, 2020 and has subsequently been the forefront policy-making body of operations in the country's response to COVID-19, including protocols on social distancing and the control of the movement of people in areas under community quarantine, among others;

WHEREAS, as part of its enhanced efforts to control the spread of the COVID-19, the IATF-IED, through the Department of Transportation, has barred motorcycle backriding to support the social distancing measures under the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) protocols;

WHEREAS, as more areas transition from an Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) to General Community Quarantine (GCQ) protocols, this No Motorcycle Backride

¹ <https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/2014/05/26/executive-order-no-168-s-2014/>

² <https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

³ <https://www.doh.gov.ph/covid19tracker>

policy still subsists even for persons coming from the same households while at the same time allowing two or more people to ride in airconditioned private cars under the general community quarantine (GCQ) regime which could be perceived as anti-poor as it discriminates and limits the right of the people to mobility based on the vehicle that they can only afford to own;

WHEREAS, as the country gradually opens up the economy, easing up of the rules on motorcycle backriding particularly in areas under GCQ is noteworthy as it will help our countrymen belonging to households that rely only on motorcycles as the means to go to work and get their needed supplies;

WHEREAS, local government units (LGUs), particularly the barangays can formulate mechanisms to ensure that only people belonging to the same household are aboard the motorcycle, a measure that still adheres to protocols on social distancing and community quarantine;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the House of Representatives urge the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) to allow people from the same household to backride on motorcycles in areas under general community quarantine (GCQ).

ADOPTED,

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