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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1717



Introduced by **Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE TO
COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND
THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY ON THE BODY CAMERA SYSTEM
BEING CURRENTLY UTILIZED IN VARIOUS PORTS AND PASSENGER
TERMINALS IN THE COUNTRY**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines
in Congress assembled:*

1 **WHEREAS**, during the author's visit in Bohol during the inauguration of the
2 new passenger terminal building of the Tagbilaran Port after its construction, it was
3 observed that the terminal utilizes modern technological equipment including body
4 cameras connected to a central command center. The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA)
5 manages the security system of the port and terminal;

6 **WHEREAS**, there were various calls for the Philippine National Police to use
7 body cameras during their operations in the past few years. The proposal has been
8 embodied in measures filed both before the House of Representatives and the Senate;

9 **WHEREAS**, in 2019, it was reported that the Philippine National Police has
10 purchased body-worn cameras amounting to Php 289 Million;

11 **WHEREAS**, last February 2021, officers under the National Capital Region
12 Police Office will be trained to use the body cameras;

13 **WHEREAS**, according to the Philippine National Police, they plan to use the
14 camera either in routine patrols or field operations. While encouraged, the use of the
15 cameras is not yet mandatory and will depend on the commanders of the various PNP
16 units;

1 **WHEREAS**, various countries in the world are utilizing body cameras during
2 the operations of their police force for transparency and preservation of evidence which
3 can be used before the courts;

4 **WHEREAS**, since the PPA has already established their own system using
5 body-worn cameras, it would be prudent and practical for the PNP to coordinate with
6 the PPA, with their permission and that of DOTr, to evaluate the system being used in
7 our terminal and ports and adopt the best practices prior to the full use of body-worn
8 cameras for PNP operations;

9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved that the
10 House of Representatives urge the Philippine National Police to coordinate with the
11 Department of Transportation and the Philippine Ports Authority to evaluate if the best
12 practices in the system being used for body cameras in various ports and passenger
13 terminals of the country may be adopted by their institution.

Adopted,


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