

QC trike drivers, passengers granted accident insurance

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QUEZON City Mayor **Herbert Bautista** has signed Ordinance No. 2768, mandating the grant of personal accident insurance for tricycle drivers and passengers.

According to Quezon City Vice Mayor **Joy Belmonte**, presiding officer of the 37-member city council, the ordinance is the product of the city's concern for tricycle drivers, since numerous families in the city depend on tricycles for livelihood and also as a practical mode of transportation.

"Tricycles are used for short-distance travels, but we cannot disregard the fact that these vehicles get into accidents as well," she said.

"The ordinary people are the ones who ride a tricycle. What would happen to them once they encounter a road mishap? Now that we have an ordinance for this, the city government can help fund the insurance for our tricycle drivers including their passengers," Belmonte added.

If a tricycle driver or a passenger gets into an accident, the said insurance shall provide a minimum of P7,500 to P50,000 to the victims depending on the severity of the damage acquired such as death, disablement, limb amputations, loss of sight, hearing, and speech; including the loss of thumb or the index finger.