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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND COMMERCE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF ALMOST REAL-LIFE TOY GUNS OR REPLICAS AND SIMILAR GOODS IN THE LOCAL MARKET WITH THE END-IN-VIEW OF TIGHTENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RELEVANT LAWS AND FORMULATING REMEDIAL MEASURES GEARED AT PROTECTING FILIPINO CONSUMERS AGAINST HAZARDS TO HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Whereas, the 1987 Philippine Constitution ordained that “[t]he maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy” (Article II, Section 5);

Whereas, the Consumer Code of the Philippines provides in Article 2:

“Art. 2. *Declaration of Basic Policy.* - It is the policy of the State to protect the interests of the consumer, promote his general welfare and to establish standards of conduct for business and industry. Towards this end, the State shall implement measures to achieve the following objectives:

- (a) protection against hazards to health and safety;
- (b) protection against deceptive, unfair and unconscionable sales acts and practices;
- (c) provision of information and education to facilitate sound choice and the proper exercise of rights by the consumer;
- (d) x x x
- (e) x x x”

Whereas, the proliferation of dangerous almost real-life toy gun and replicas and similar goods are endangering the lives and security of the people;

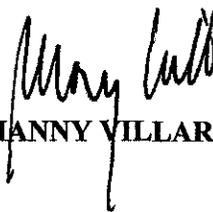
Whereas, while the toy guns and replicas and other substantially imminent injurious products are meant for entertainment and geared towards merry-making, security is endangered heavily as the same are used by some unscrupulous groups, bands, and individuals in perpetrating crimes that include hold-ups, kidnapping and others;

Whereas, the relevant law provides that Filipinos must be “protected against hazards to health and safety” and must be accorded “protection against deceptive, unconscionable and unfair sales act and practices”,

Whereas, the meaningful and honest-to-goodness implementation of our existing laws and regulations governing the proliferation of almost real-life toy guns and replicas, substandard products and other substantially imminent injurious goods must be done to protect the citizens; Now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To urge the Senate Committee on Trade and Commerce and other appropriate committee/s to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the proliferation of almost real-life toy guns or replicas and similar goods in the local market with the end in view of tightening the implementation of relevant laws and formulating remedial measures geared at protecting Filipino consumers against hazards to health and safety

Adopted,

  
MANNY VILLAR