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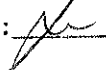
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RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED RISE OF KIDNEY STONES DISEASES IN FILIPINO ADULTS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF FORMULATING A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR ITS PREVENTION AND ASSISTANCE TO AFFLICTED CITIZENS

WHEREAS, under Section 15 of Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, a study shows that 2.3 percent of the Philippine population has kidney stones which is alarming;

WHEREAS, a kidney stone is medically defined as a hard mass developed from crystals that separate from the urine within the urinary tract. Normally, urine contains chemicals that prevent or inhibit the crystals from forming. However, these inhibitors do not seem to work for everyone, however, so some people form stones;

WHEREAS, out of 90 million Filipinos, it is possible that two million have kidney stones without knowing it;

WHEREAS, the prevalence of kidney stones rises dramatically as men enter their 40s and continues to rise into their 70s. For women, the prevalence of kidney stones peaks in their 50s. Once a person gets more than one stone, other stones are likely to develop;

WHEREAS, if the crystals remain tiny enough, they will pass out of the body in the urine without being noticed;

WHEREAS, kidney stones can cause a variety of painful symptoms that typically worsen over time. It can impair kidney function, making it harder for the kidneys to filter out toxins. Stones bring on pain, blood in the urine and painful urination;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines to urge the Senate Committee on Health and Demography to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the reported rise of kidney stones in Filipino adults with the end in view of formulating measures to monitor and prevent the same.

Adopted,


MANNY VILLAR