

WHEREAS, the paper called for urgent action to tackle Southeast Asia's "epidemic of non-communicable disease", which includes heart disease, stemming from environmental factors promoting tobacco use, unhealthy diet, and inadequate physical activity;

WHEREAS, the paper also called for an improved surveillance of health threats in the region and implied that political tensions within and between Southeast Asian countries have the potential to further hinder control of these threats;

WHEREAS, legislation should take into serious consideration the findings of this paper in improving health services in the country, both in the preventive and curative aspects;

WHEREAS, Congress should look into the paper's proposal of bolstering the intergovernmental cooperation between Southeast Asian countries to find ways to keep these health threats at bay, and to coordinate these efforts with those concerning environmental protection and disaster management and prevention;

WHEREFORE, to direct the proper Senate committee, to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the recent scientific findings on the health threats that face the Southeast Asian region.

Adopted,

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