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Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

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RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO REVISIT AND REVIEW IN AID OF LEGISLATION REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2382 OR THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ACT OF 1959 WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ADJUSTING THE SAID LAW AND ADAPTING THE SAME WITH THE EVOLVING NEEDS AND CONCERNS OF BOTH MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND THEIR PATIENTS**

**WHEREAS**, one of the more important purposes for the enactment of Republic Act No. 2382 or otherwise known as the Philippine Medical Act of 1959 was to supervise, control and regulate the practice of medicine in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, the said law is the only one that governs the practice of medicine in the country and some medical practitioners admitted that it has already become antiquated due to the evolving needs and concerns on medical care as well as innovations in the practice of the profession itself;

**WHEREAS**, during the 13<sup>th</sup> Congress, both the Senate and the House of Representatives have respectively filed proposed Senate Bill No. 2590 and House Bill No. 04861 aimed at repealing RA 2382 but was never passed;

**WHEREAS**, had it not for the celebrated Kho-Halili scandal, the passé law may not have been revisited and the obsolescence of some of its provisions could have been missed;

**WHEREAS**, one of the other controversial cases that involved unethical practices in medical profession was the Cebu scandal wherein a delicate surgical procedure in a Cebu hospital was videotaped and uploaded on the internet without the knowledge and express consent of the hapless patient;

**WHEREAS**, the above stated cases call for the review and reorientation of the decades-old Medical Act of 1959 to update the country's policies in the practice of medicine taking into account the dangerous effect of patients losing their trust in doctors;

**WHEREAS**, although the proposed repeal of the subject law did not materialize during the last Congress, it is timely however, that appropriate measures in the present Congress are now being undertaken to revive past legislative actions on said law;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** to direct the Senate Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization and other appropriate Senate Committees to revisit and review in aid of legislation Republic Act No. 2382 or the Philippine Medical Act of 1959 with the end in view of adjusting said Act and adapting the same with the evolving needs and concerns of both medical practitioners and their patients.

Adopted,



**MANNY VILLAR**