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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
 IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED TO CREATE STRICTER
 MEASURES TO PREVENT ILLEGAL RECRUITERS FROM INFILTRATING AND
 PARTICIPATING IN JOB FAIRS

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 18 provides: "The State affirms labor as a primary social economic force. It shall protect the rights of workers and promote their welfare";

WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* in its 27 May 2009 issue reported that illegal recruiters have allegedly infiltrated job fairs in Pasay City;

WHEREAS, Pasay City Mayor Peewee Trinidad issued a reminder that applicants in job fairs should always check if the recruitment agencies they were dealing with have been accredited by job fairs' event organizers or the city's Public Employment Service Office (PESO);

WHEREAS, Trinidad alleged that his office ha received reports that illegal recruiters have infiltrated the SSS Jobs Fair at the HK San Plaza, Financial Center Area on Roxas Boulevard last May 14, without the knowledge of the organizers, and then hired several applicants;

WHEREAS, Trinidad also allegedly said that they are investigating companies that demanded fees from applicants; some companies allegedly asked that applicants shell out P500 before they could begin selling company products;

WHEREAS, it was reported that companies found guilty of such a practice will have their licenses revoked; the Pasay City government is also studying other charges that can be filed against firms violating legal hiring practices;

WHEREAS, the Pasay City local government's initiative to eliminate illegal firms from infiltrating and joining job fairs is a commendable practice that should be followed by other local government units;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that applicants be made wary of the possible existence of illegal recruiters participating in job fairs; stricter measures should be taken by the organizers to ensure that the applicants are legally employed and not duped into joining fake or unregistered companies, or being employed by illegal recruiters;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the reported need to create stricter measures to prevent illegal recruiters from infiltrating and participating in job fairs.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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