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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRADE AND COMMERCE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY ON THE ALARMING INCREASE OF SHOPLIFTING CASES IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND HOW IT IMPACTS ON LOCAL BUSINESSES, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INTRODUCING AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING RELEVANT STATUTES AND FORMULATING A STRONG, YET HUMANE ANTI-SHOPLIFTING LEGISLATION

Whereas, shoplifting is one of the most common property crimes;

Whereas, under the Revised Penal Code, shoplifting is classified under the crime of theft, along with pickpocketing;

Whereas, penalty for theft is imprisonment from one day to 8 years depending on the value of the merchandise, which is between P200 to P22,000;

Whereas, according to the Philippine Retailers Association (PRA), shoplifting costs local retailers between 2-3 percent of their total sales;

Whereas, Superintendent Roberto Rosales of the Philippine National Police-National Capital Region (PNP-NCR) said shoplifters usually hide their stolen merchandise in pockets or bags, and the most pilfered items are milk, underwear, make-up and perfume;

Whereas, PNP-NCR data revealed that 15 percent of the shoplifters apprehended are minors aged 5-18 years old, and 85 percent are adults aged 18-60 years old;

Whereas, most shoplifters are amateurs; but there are also skilled and professional shoplifters who are members of syndicates;

Whereas, shoplifting is a serious issue faced by small retailers whose profit of margin often cannot cover the cost of goods stolen by shoplifters: Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights and Trade and commerce and other appropriate committees, to conduct an inquiry on the alarming increase of shoplifting cases in the Philippines, and how it impacts

on local businesses, with the end in view of introducing amendments to existing relevant statutes and formulating a strong, yet humane anti-shoplifting legislation.

Adopted,

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MANNY VILLAR
Senator