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Introduced by Sen. Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, *IN AID OF LEGISLATION*, INTO THE POLICIES IMPLEMENTED BY GOVERNMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE RISING INCIDENCE OF CRIMINALITY INVOLVING MOTORCYCLE RIDING IN TANDEM INDIVIDUALS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROMOTING THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

**WHEREAS**, Section 5, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that "The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy";

**WHEREAS**, in recent months, there have been an increase in the incidence of criminal activities involving the use of motorcycles for robbery, kidnapping-for-ransom and even gun-for-hire activities. Nowadays, criminal elements are using motorcycles in their illegal activities since motorcycles offer advantage on their way to escape, aside from the fact that they are easy to acquire. To date, various crimes, including murders of activists, journalists and businessmen, are committed by suspects riding tandem on motorcycles;

**WHEREAS**, data from the Philippine National Police (PNP) indicate that majority of the crimes related to riding-in-tandem incidents this year were carried out in Central Luzon (566), Calabarzon (351) and Southern Mindanao (196). In Metro Manila, a total of 11 crime incidents involving criminals on motorcycles were reported for the month of January 2011 alone. Last year's data showed Central Luzon as having the most number of the cases (550), followed by the National Capital Region (315) and Calabarzon (308);

**WHEREAS**, data from the PNP indicate that at least 424 crimes committed with the use of motorcycles were reported to the police nationwide from January to March of 2011. Interestingly, only around 10 percent of the crimes committed with the use of motorcycles throughout the country during the first three months have been solved, according to statistics from the Philippine National Police. Of the 424 crimes reported, 156 were robberies in the form of hold-ups and snatchings. A total 150 of these crimes involved shootings, including 50 murders;

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need on the part of the Philippine National Police to address the rise in the incidence of crimes perpetrated by motorcycle riders riding in tandem and improve their deployment strategy by sending them in key strategic areas, especially in crime-prone areas, in order to address the rising incidence of criminality involving motorcycle-riding in tandem criminals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as it is hereby resolved to direct the Senate Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs to conduct an inquiry, *In Aid of Legislation*, into the policies implemented by government in response to the rising incidence of criminality involving motorcycle riding in tandem individuals, with the end in view of promoting the safety and welfare of the general public.

ADOPTED,

  
**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
Senator 