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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND COMMERCE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF SUBSTANDARD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN THE MARKET WHICH POSE THREATS ON CONSUMER SAFETY**

*Whereas*, a Christmas light set is one of the critical products required to undergo testing and certification by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI);

*Whereas*, cheap, defective and substandard Christmas lights or those that did not pass testing and certification are potential fire hazards as these may overheat or short-circuit;

*Whereas*, thousands of sub-standard Christmas light sets were seized by the police at a Divisoria mall recently as a prelude to a more stringent drive against the proliferation of unsafe Yuletide decorations;

*Whereas*, the police have learned that some unscrupulous traders paste fake import commodity clearance (ICC) stickers on substandard products to make them appear that they had been inspected by the DTI;

*Whereas*, the DTI yearly puts out consumer advisories encouraging the public to purchase and use only Christmas lights that have been certified by the Bureau of Product Standards (DTI-BPS) and carries the Philippine Standard (PS) or ICC mark;

*Whereas*, manufacturers, importers, wholesalers and retailers found selling uncertified Christmas lights are subject to administrative penalties under Republic Act 7394, or the Consumer Act of the Philippines: Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Senate Committee on Trade and Commerce and other appropriate committees, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the proliferation of substandard Christmas lights in the market which pose threats on consumer safety.

Adopted,

  
MANNY VILLAR  
Senator