



SENATE
P. S. Res. No. **431**

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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy ~~Submitt~~ SUBMITTED BY *ji*

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF
MEASLES OUTBREAK

WHEREAS, the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them¹;

WHEREAS, the State shall establish and maintain an effective food and drug regulatory system and undertake appropriate health, manpower development, and research, responsive to the country's health needs and problems²;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) has declared an outbreak of measles in 9 cities in Metro Manila which include Caloocan, Las Piñas, Malabon, Manila, Muntinlupa, Navotas, Parafiaque, Taguig, and Valenzuela;

WHEREAS, according to the DOH, from January 1 to December 14, 2013 there are 1,724 cases of measles nationwide with the National Capital Region having the highest number of cases totaling to 744, Southern Luzon with 436 and Western Visayas with 282;

WHEREAS, according to World Health Organization (WHO), measles is a highly contagious viral disease, which affects mostly children. It is transmitted via droplets from the nose, mouth or throat of infected persons³;

WHEREAS, according to WHO, there is no specific treatment for measles and most people recover within 2-3 weeks. However, particularly in malnourished children and people with reduced immunity, measles can cause serious complications, including blindness, encephalitis, severe diarrhea, ear infection and pneumonia;

WHEREAS, measles can be prevented by immunization;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for a full review of government measles immunization programs for the effective prevention and control of measles outbreak;

¹ Sec. 15, Art. II, 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines.

² Sec. 12, Art. XIII, 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines.

³ Measles. World Health Organization Website. Retrieved from <http://www.who.int/topics/measles/en/>.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved to direct the proper senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the prevention and control of measles outbreak.

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Binay', written over the printed name.

MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
Senator