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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, REGARDING ALLEGED SCAMS IN ONLINE SELLING SITES, USING IDENTITIES OF PROFESSIONALS TO COMMIT FRAUD, WITH THE INTENTION OF PROTECTING PROFESSIONALS AND ONLINE BUYERS AND RAISING AWARENESS AGAINST ONLINE SELLING FRAUDS

WHEREAS, according to reports, identities of professionals are being used in an online selling scam, in one of the country's biggest online selling site;

WHEREAS, perpetrators of the scam used names of professional doctors to sell fictitious ads of cellular phones amounting to Php 14,000 – 15,000, deposited through Western Union¹;

WHEREAS, verification with the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) also revealed that other professionals have been victimized by the same modus operandi of identity theft. The professionals who fell victim to identity theft include doctors and even a principal of a college in Sta. Rosa, Laguna;²

WHEREAS, according to Agent Victor Lorenzo, NBI Cyber Crime Division Executive Officer, perpetrators of the scam visit clinics and hospitals to secure a copy of calling cards of doctors, then have a background check about personal information about them in the internet especially in social networking sites³;

WHEREAS, Filipino professionals and online buyers are being victimized by online frauds, thus there is an urgent need to address this issue;

WHEREAS, there is a need to raise awareness against online selling frauds to protect buyers sellers and hardworking professionals as well as improve security in doing online selling business;

¹ ABS-CBN News website, Identity theft: Real doctors' identities used in online scam, <http://www.abs-cbnnews.com/focus/02/07/14/identity-theft-real-doctors-identities-used-online-scam>.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved to direct the proper Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, regarding alleged scams perpetrated in online selling sites, using identities of professionals to commit fraud, with the intention of protecting professionals and online buyers and raising awareness against online selling frauds.

Adopted,



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Senator