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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED ILLEGAL OPERATIONS OF A KOREAN
GAMBLING GROUP IN TAGUIG

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8484, also known as the Access Devices Regulation Act of 1998, provides: "The State recognizes the recent advances in technology and the widespread use of access devices in commercial transactions. Toward this end, the State shall protect the rights and define the liabilities of parties in such commercial transactions by regulating the issuance and use of access devices";

WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* reported last 5 February 2014 that the Philippine National Police Anti-Cybercrime Group (PNP-ACG) have busted an illegal gambling ring composed of Korean nationals during a raid on One Serendra condominium in the upscale Bonifacio Global City, Taguig;

WHEREAS, the PNP-ACG officers reportedly said that 10 Koreans, including two women, were arrested for operating an online illegal gambling catering to Korean bettors, whose payments of bets were made through online banking and credit cards;

WHEREAS, holding offices in separate East Tower units of One Serendra condominium, the Korean operators were arrested on Tuesday for violation of Republic Act No. 8484;

WHEREAS, assorted passbooks, mobile phones, identification cards, several documents, laptops, network devices, telephone sets, desktop computers, and assorted cards were reportedly seized from them, and allegedly were used in their illegal activities;

WHEREAS, Senior Superintendent Gilbert Sosa, PNP ACG director, reportedly said that the operation was prompted by a request for assistance from the International Criminal Police Organization of South Korea in 2012, asking the PNP to locate the Korean fugitives involved in the online gambling based in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, it was reported that arrested online gambling operators and the confiscated items were placed under the custody of ACG for proper documentation;

WHEREAS, these activities should be investigated to prevent the illegal use of technology in promoting illegal gambling, particularly by foreign nationals;

WHEREAS, Congress and other concerned government agencies should also investigate on how these foreign nationals were able to set up illegal gambling operations in the country;

WHEREAS, stricter measures should be created to allow for the immediate deportation of foreign nationals who conduct illegal activities in the Philippines;

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the illegal operations of a Korean gambling group in Taguig.

Adopted,

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