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P.S. Resolution No. 40

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Introduced by Senator LUISA "LOI" P. EJERCITO ESTRADA

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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO**  
**INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ALLEGED PROLIFERATION OF**  
**COUNTERFEIT MEDICINE IN THE MARKET**

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 expressly mandates the State to "protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

WHEREAS, various newspapers recently reported the alarming proliferation of counterfeit medicine in the market, as part of an illegal trade which allegedly generates an average profit of P7.2 billion a year;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) has a very limited power and even resources to go after those responsible for said illegal acts because of the inadequacy of appropriate laws;

WHEREAS, the proliferation of fake drugs will remain unabated, unless stricter measures are imposed and the government takes necessary actions, since not a single supplier or manufacturer of fake medicines has ever been apprehended, let alone imprisoned, while most cases involving these fake products have more often than not been dismissed for lack of evidence;

WHEREAS, there is a need to critically address this problem since the poor are the ones most vulnerable to offer of fake drugs at a lower price; hence, prejudicing their health and safety;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate to direct the Senate Committee on Health and Demography to investigate, in aid of legislation, the alleged proliferation of counterfeit medicines in the market.

Adopted.

  
**LUISA "LOP" P. EJERCITO ESTRADA**  
Senator