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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED PRESENCE OF ANTIMONY,
ARSENIC, CADMIUM, CHROMIUM, LEAD AND MERCURY IN LOCAL
SOUVENIR ITEMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATE
INSPECTION MECHANISMS AND SAFETY STANDARDS FOR THE
MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF SOUVENIR ITEMS CONTAINING SAID
CHEMICALS**

WHEREAS, there have been reports that chemical tests conducted on souvenir items, such as ballpens, cellphone charms, coin purses, magnets and keychains have shown traces of toxic substances;

WHEREAS, reports state that souvenir items found to contain toxic substances have been found in popular tourist destinations like the cities of Baguio, Cebu, Davao and Manila;

WHEREAS, chemicals such as antimony, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, lead and mercury, which are harmful to humans, have been found on souvenir items;

WHEREAS, the presence of lead in consumer products, which may be ingested or inhaled, is associated with the development of serious health problems, learning disabilities and behavioral problems;

WHEREAS, health risks associated with the purchase of tainted souvenir items poses a threat to the expansion of our tourism industry as it may raise questions regarding the quality of our tourism products;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the proper Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported presence of antimony, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, lead and mercury in local souvenir items, for the purpose of establishing appropriate inspection mechanisms and safety standards for the manufacture and sale of souvenir items containing said chemicals.

Adopted,


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Senator