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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 REPORT THAT UNREGISTERED EYE DROPS ARE BEING
SOLD IN THE MARKET

WHEREAS; the Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 provides: "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, *Manila Bulletin* on 12 April 2014 reported that the Food and Drug Authority (FDA) warned the public against the use of an unregistered eye drop meant for certain eye conditions such as sore eyes and cataracts that is reportedly sold in refill bottles in the provinces;

WHEREAS, it was reported that according to an FDA advisory, CMD Eye drop bears the label "BFAD (Bureau of Food and Drugs) registered" but is actually unregistered with the agency;

WHEREAS, CMD eyedrops are reportedly priced at P120 per 15 ml bottle and is labeled as "best for astigmatism, cataracts, pterygium, glaucoma, sore eyes, eye stress, red and itchy eyes and blurry 'computer' vision";

WHEREAS, according to the advisory, the use of unregistered eye drops presents safety risks and adverse health consequences; since eye drops are to be applied directly to the eye area, the preparation of these solutions requires special consideration and should only be dispensed in special containers;

WHEREAS, the FDA also reportedly said that the use of unregistered eye drops therefore may result in inflammation, irritation, infection of the eye or loss of vision;

WHEREAS, the report said that FDA officials ordered its inspectors to seize unregistered CMD eye drops from all outlets or establishments where they are sold;

WHEREAS, The FDA also reportedly advised consumers to use only FDA-registered products and to look for the FDA registration number when drug products are concerned;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the report that unregistered eye drops are being sold in the market.

Adopted,

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MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO