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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 A NEW KIND OF DRUG SAID TO BE A COMBINATION OF ECSTASY (METHYLENEDIOXYMETHAMPHETAMINE) AND SHABU (METHAMPHETAMINE) OR THE ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION TREATMENT DRUG CIALIS, AND KNOWN BY THE NAMES “FLY HIGH,” “PARTY,” OR “SUPERMAN”, IS MAKING THE ROUNDS IN BARS AND NIGHTCLUBS IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, Section 2 provides that: “It is the policy of the State to safeguard the integrity of its territory and the well-being of its citizenry particularly the youth, from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs on their physical and mental well-being, and to defend the same against acts or omissions detrimental to their development and preservation. In view of the foregoing, the State needs to enhance further the efficacy of the law against dangerous drugs, it being one of today's more serious social ills”;

WHEREAS, in an article posted on 21 May 2014, news website Rappler.com reported that, according to the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), a new illegal drug own as “fly high,” “party,” or “superman” is making the rounds in bars and nightclubs in the country, said to be a combination of ecstasy (methylenedioxyamphetamine) and shabu (methamphetamine) or cialis, a drug used to treat erectile dysfunction;

WHEREAS, the illegal drug—its existence said to have been discovered by the PDEA in November 2013—reportedly costs between ₱1,500 to ₱3,500 per capsule, which can be shared by two to eight users;

WHEREAS, it was reported that the effects of the drugs are insomnia, loss of appetite, and hypersexuality lasting three to four days;

WHEREAS, PDEA officials reportedly said that the agency has monitored the emergence of “fly high” in the country, and that they would unify inter-agency efforts to curb drug trafficking at international airports;

WHEREAS, PDEA officials also said they are not sure if the illegal drug is as prevalent in other countries, and that the agency does not have enough data on the drug's prevalence nationwide because users might be calling it by a different name;

WHEREAS, although its long-term effects are yet to be determined, PDEA officials claim that one of the possible detrimental effects include ulcers caused by not eating for days on end, serious mental issues, cardiovascular problems, and mental or nervous breakdowns;

WHEREAS, PDEA officials reportedly admitted that the new illegal drug is a huge cause for concern, partly because deals involving the drug are said to happen online, making it easier for pushers to sell the drug;

WHEREAS, it was also reported that authorities at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport apprehended a suspect trying to transport "fly high" from Manila to an exclusive beach resort in January 2014; the presence of "fly high" in the suspect's possession was said to be detected through profiling and NAIA's standard security measures;

WHEREAS, it was further reported that ASEAN countries and those beyond the region are looking at the Philippines as a model for busting illegal drug rings, according to reports on the highlights of the meeting of the ASEAN Association of Chiefs of Police in May 2015;

WHEREAS, Congress, by amending relevant laws and formulating responsive legislation, should support the need for law enforcement agencies to carry out their mandate against syndicates producing and selling new types of illegal drugs;

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 report that a new kind of drug said to be a combination of ecstasy (methylenedioxymethamphetamine), and shabu (methamphetamine) or the erectile dysfunction treatment drug cialis, and known by the names "fly high," "party," or "superman", is making the rounds in bars and nightclubs in the country.

Adopted,

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