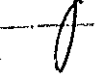


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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED SHORTAGE OF RADIOLOGISTS

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, the *Philippine Star* on 23 February 2015 reported that the steep decline in the number of radiologists in the country is threatening the delivery of health care services;

WHEREAS, the news quoted the group Mediarchives Philippines Inc. (MAPI), which said that unread x-ray, computed tomography (CT) scan and biopsy results are piling up in healthcare facilities in the provinces due to lack of licensed radiologists;

WHEREAS, the backlog in unread or unanalysed x-ray results, is also allegedly hurting government's continuing effort to stop the spread of tuberculosis, which could only be properly detected through x-ray tests;

WHEREAS, the MAPI reportedly estimates that there are only 1,500 radiologists servicing 100 million Filipinos, when the national ratio should be one radiologist per 10,000;

WHEREAS, the group further claimed that that fewer students are opting to enter the radiology profession;


WHEREAS, the passing rate in recent licensure examinations for radiologists has also allegedly been low;

WHEREAS, the government must address gaps in the delivery of health services by implementing measures that will encourage more Filipinos to join the health sector;

WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, must ensure that there is no mismatch between educational policies and labor market demand;

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 reported shortage of radiologists.

Adopted,


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