

1 WHEREAS, De Lima allegedly said that the sextortionists allegedly assume fake
2 identities and often lure victims to perform a sexual act, which they take a picture of and
3 then threaten to circulate the material online unless the victim pays a certain amount of
4 money;

5 WHEREAS, last year alone, the PNP reportedly rounded up 58 Filipino
6 sextortionists in the country after investigators from Interpol, the US Homeland Security
7 Department, and other law enforcement agencies traced online chats from some of the
8 victims' computers;

9 WHEREAS, at present, no law directly defines and penalizes the act of extortion
10 through threats of exposure of sexual pictures, videos, audio recordings, and other
11 documents;

12 WHEREAS, given the prevalence of sextortion in the country, there is an urgent
13 need to craft legislation that will directly define and penalize the act;

14 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE
15 to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the
16 reported increase of sextortion cases in the Philippines.

Adopted,


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