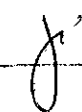


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

1 RESOLUTION

2 DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
3 OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT THE PHILIPPINES NEEDS MORE DRUG
4 REHABILITATION CENTERS

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

7 WHEREAS, the Constitution further states in Article 13 that: "The State shall establish
8 and maintain an effective food and drug regulatory system and undertake appropriate health,
9 manpower development, and research, responsive to the country's health needs and problems";

10 WHEREAS, *Manila Bulletin* reported on 15 March 2015 that the government is being
11 urged to allocate funds for the immediate establishment of more regional and provincial drug
12 treatment and rehabilitation centers as a result of the increasing number of drug dependents and
13 patients in the country;

14 WHEREAS, Alay-Buhay party-list Representative Weslie "Wes" Gatchalian reportedly
15 asked the Office of the President to ensure the full blown implementation of Republic Act No.
16 9165, which mandates the setting up of government-operated regional and provincial treatment
17 rehabilitation centers;

18 WHEREAS, Gatchalian claimed that there are only nine government rehabilitation
19 centers in the country and that this is not sufficient because of the increasing number of drug
20 victims;

1 WHEREAS, Gatchalian also reportedly noted that records from the Philippine Drug
2 Enforcement Agency showed that the problem of illegal drugs in the Philippines continues to be
3 a threat, disturbing more than 8,000 barangays with drug-related activities;

4 WHEREAS, the State should provide effective mechanisms or measures through
5 sustainable programs of treatment and rehabilitation to help victims of drug abuse;

6 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
7 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that the
8 Philippines needs more drug rehabilitation centers.

Adopted,


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