


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED INCREASE OF ANIMAL BITES CASES DURING THE SUMMER SEASON

WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 1 of the Constitution states "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavour to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled women, and children. The State shall endeavour to provide free medical care to paupers";

WHEREAS, according to recent reports, the Department of Health (DOH) has declared six common summer-related diseases and one of them is rabies;

WHEREAS, according to another report, children are most likely the victims of animal bites during the summer season since they are on vacation and the likelihood of being bitten is high;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is one of the top 10 countries with the worst rabies problem, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), with it being responsible for the deaths of about 200 to 300 Filipinos per year;

WHEREAS, in a separate article recently published, rabies cases in 2014 increased to 545 from 475 cases in 2012 and 473 in 2010;

WHEREAS, there is a need to call for a inquiry on this matter to institute proper measures needed to address the rising incidents of animal bites especially during the summer season;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to direct the Senate Committee on Health and Demography and other appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported increase of rabies cases during the summer season.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID