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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES, HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED PROLIFERATION OF FIXERS IN OFFICES OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION OR PHILHEALTH WHO PREY ON UNSUSPECTING SENIOR CITIZENS

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 27 of the Constitution states that "The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption";

WHEREAS, from the time when Republic Act 10645 or the Mandatory Philhealth Coverage for all Senior Citizens took effect in November 25, 2014, senior citizens flock local health insurance offices to enroll in the program;


WHEREAS, the influx of elders in offices of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation or PhilHealth created an opportunity for fixers to target on the vulnerability of some senior citizens;

WHEREAS, according to PhilHealth, fixers charge fees for the processing of PhilHealth enrollment in the program, which should be absolutely free of charge;

WHEREAS, there is a need to investigate this matter for the proper and effective implementation of this law and institute measures that will protect the interests of our senior citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Philippine Senate directs the Senate Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises, Health and Demography, and other appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an investigation in aid of legislation, on the reported proliferation of fixers in offices of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation or PhilHealth who prey on unsuspecting senior citizens.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID