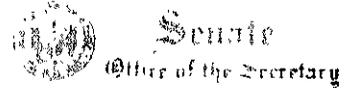


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RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE  
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,  
ON THE REPORT THAT SCHIZOPHRENIA IS THE TOP MENTAL DISORDER  
REPORTED AMONG FILIPINOS

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

3 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* on 8 June 2015 reported that schizophrenia is  
4 the top brain disorder affecting mentally ill Filipinos who seek consultation and treatment in  
5 hospitals in the country;

6 WHEREAS, the *Inquirer* cited data from the Philippine Health Information System on  
7 Mental Health (PHIS-MH), including information from 2,562 patients who consulted with 14  
8 participating public and private hospitals from May 2014 to May 2015;

9 WHEREAS, University of the Philippines-Philippine General Hospital psychiatrist  
10 Tomas Bautista reportedly said that of the patients whose records were input into the PHIS-MH,  
11 42 percent were living with schizophrenia, a type of psychotic disorder that can be disabling  
12 when left untreated;

13 WHEREAS, majority of the reported schizophrenia cases were among men aged 20 to  
14 44, with Bautista claiming that cases among males are more widely reported because of tendency  
15 to be violent, a manifestation not often seen among females;

16 WHEREAS, inferring from the initial data, Bautista estimated that about one percent of  
17 the country’s total population, or roughly about one million, are suffering from schizophrenia,  
18 which is usually caused by chemical imbalance in the brain;

19 WHEREAS, sufferers usually have hallucinations or delusions, which trigger anxiety and  
20 withdrawal, as well as extremely abnormal motor behavior;

21 WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, roughly one in 250 people  
22 globally suffer from schizophrenia;

1           WHEREAS, the government plays a critical role in educating the public about  
2 schizophrenia and supporting those diagnosed with the disorder;

3           WHEREAS, Congress, in consultation with the Department of Health and other  
4 concerned agencies, should intensify existing legislation providing social support mechanisms  
5 for Filipinos diagnosed with schizophrenia and other mental disorders;

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  
8 schizophrenia is the top mental disorder reported among Filipinos.

Adopted,

  
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