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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE  
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION  
ON THE NEED TO IMPOSE STRICTER PENALTIES TO PREVENT THE  
PROLIFERATION OF CREDIT CARD SKIMMERS

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 5 provides: "The maintenance of peace  
2 and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare  
3 are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy";

4 WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin* on 15 June 2015 reported that two men, allegedly  
5 engaged in credit card fraud, were arrested during an entrapment operation in Quezon City on 14  
6 June 2015;

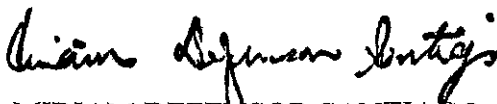

7 WHEREAS, citing police accounts, the *Bulletin* said that a skimming device, a  
8 contraption attached to credit card payment machines to copy the card credentials, was  
9 confiscated from the suspects;

10 WHEREAS, the witness during the entrapment operations claimed that the two suspects  
11 forced him to swipe the credit card of a store customer in a skimming device that was provided  
12 to him;

13 WHEREAS, the government must prevent crimes of this nature, which do not only harms  
14 individuals, but also erode the integrity of the country's banking and credit systems and thereby  
15 impair economic growth;

16 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct  
17 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the need to impose  
18 stricter penalties to prevent the proliferation of credit card skimmers.

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO  


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