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RESOLUTION

URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PROLIFERATION OF FAKE DRUGS IN THE COUNTRY IN ORDER TO COME UP WITH CORRECTIVE LEGISLATION IN RESPONSE TO THE SAID PROBLEM

WHEREAS, the proliferation of counterfeit and fake drugs is becoming a huge threat to the drug manufacturing industry in the country and pose unexplainable dangers to the health of all Filipinos;

WHEREAS, the government considers the proliferation of fake and counterfeit drugs a major concern and must be urgently addressed, as reports revealed that at least P7 billion is lost from the government coffers every year due to smuggling and unabated selling by unscrupulous traders and distributors;

WHEREAS, poor Filipinos are most likely to purchase fake medicines considering their cheap prices without being mindful that fake drugs can cause their untimely death, which places these consumers in harms way because one cannot easily distinguish real medicines from the counterfeits;

WHEREAS, existing laws must be strongly implemented to protect the health of the public and the local pharmaceutical industry as well, while several government agencies particularly the Bureau of Customs (BOC) and the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) have failed to adopt strong counter-measures to contain, counteract and eventually stop the propagation of fake medicines in the country;

WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen the powers and functions of the BFAD and increase the penalties against individuals, groups, drug establishments and manufacturers engaged in the production, sale and distribution of fake drugs in the country. *Now, therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To Urge The Appropriate Senate Committee To Conduct An Investigation, In Aid of Legislation, Into The Proliferation of Fake Drugs In The Country In Order To Come Up With Corrective Legislation In Response To The Said Problem.

Adopted,


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