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SENATE  
P.S. Res. No. 147

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Introduced by Senator Francis N. Pangilinan

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**A RESOLUTION  
CALLING ON THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO  
INVESTIGATE THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 9285 ENTITLED, "AN ACT TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THE USE OF AN  
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES AND  
TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE FOR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

WHEREAS, the Congress of the Philippines enacted Republic Act No. 9285 entitled, "An Act to Institutionalize the Use of an Alternative Dispute Resolution System in the Philippines and to Establish the Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution, And for Other Purposes," which was signed into law on 2 April 2004;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9285 declared as State policy the promotion of party autonomy in the resolution of disputes, as well as the establishment of a mode of achieving speedy and impartial justice other than by court adjudication;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9285 was enacted with the primordial consideration of freeing the country's courts from over a million cases clogging its dockets;

WHEREAS, towards the achievement of the above-mentioned purposes, Republic Act No. 9285 created the Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution as an attached agency to the Department of Justice as a promotion, monitoring and evaluating arm of the government on the use of alternative dispute resolution in the Philippines;

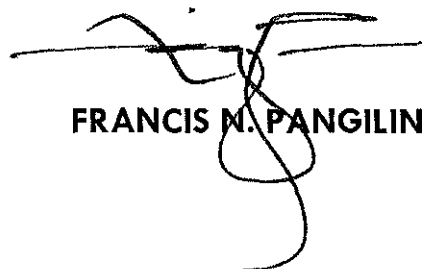
WHEREAS, for the efficient and immediate implementation of the provisions of the law, the Secretary of Justice was mandated within one (1) month to convene a committee composed of representatives from the Department of Justice, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of the Interior and Local Government; President of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines; representatives from the arbitration profession, mediation profession, and alternative dispute resolution organizations; to formulate and submit the appropriate implementing rules and regulations to the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee within three (3) months from convening;

WHEREAS, eight (8) months have lapsed since the passage of Republic Act No. 9285 and the office above-mentioned has not been created, neither has the implementing rules been drafted;

WHEREAS, owing to the import of the law, it is imperative to verify the status of the implementation of the alternative dispute resolution system in the country as envisioned by Republic Act No. 9285;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Committee on Justice and Human Rights investigate the status of the implementation of Republic Act No. 9235 in institutionalizing the alternative dispute resolution system in the Philippines.

Adopted,



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