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**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND OTHER
APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, ON POSSIBLE REGULATION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF
ELECTIVE COSMETIC SURGERY PROCEDURES**

WHEREAS, Article XIII Section 11 of the Constitution provides that the State shall establish an effective food and drug regulatory system and undertake appropriate health manpower development research, responsive to the country's needs and problems;

WHEREAS, the acceptance people have towards elective cosmetic surgery procedures has shifted over the years as more and more people undergo these procedures;

WHEREAS, in the year 2003 alone, there were 1.8 million patients all over the world who underwent elective cosmetic surgery procedures, which include face lifts, nose jobs, removal of eye bags, breast augmentation, liposuction, tummy tuck, etc.;

WHEREAS, there is allegedly now a proliferation of cosmetic surgery clinics offering elective cosmetic surgery procedures at bargain prices but do not have qualified surgeons to perform such procedures;

WHEREAS, elective cosmetic surgery procedures are highly dangerous and risky if performed by unqualified or untrained individuals;


WHEREAS, studies show that the death rate from liposuction, for instance, is about nineteen (19) out of one hundred thousand (100,000), which is even higher than the mortality rate from car accidents;

WHEREAS, in Florida and other states in the United States, liposuction and tummy tuck procedures were recently banned as office procedures or outpatient procedures, pending results of investigations, in view of the overly high death rates;

WHEREAS, studies show that any procedure for cosmetic purposes should have a near zero mortality or that the risk/ benefit ratio should be overwhelmingly proportionate, tipping the scale towards benefit;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,
that the Senate direct the Committee on Health and Demography and other appropriate
committee/s, to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the possible regulation on the
performance of elective cosmetic surgery procedures in the Philippines.

Adopted,



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