
Introduced by Senator M. A. Madrigal

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE ON THE CHAINSAW ACT TO CONVENE**

WHEREAS, the unabated destruction of the Philippine environment continues, necessitating measures to control the extent of the damage and to formulate policies to promote its sustainability;

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, the State must provide sanctions for those who commit acts detrimental to the environment, and it is the responsibility of the State to increase the consciousness of the people on the various measures undertaken to protect the environment;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9175, An Act Regulating the Ownership, Possession, Sale, Importation, and Use of Chainsaws, Penalizing Violations Thereof and for Other Purposes, otherwise known as the Chainsaw Act of 2002, promotes environmental stability by regulating the use of chain saws and prevents illegal logging by providing stiffer penalties for violators;

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the Chainsaw Act of 2002 created a Joint Congressional Oversight Committee, the purpose of which is to monitor and oversee the implementation of the Act;

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources issued Administrative Order 2003-24 has issued rules and regulations to cover the purchase, manufacture, ownership, possession, sale, transfer, importation and use of chainsaws;

WHEREAS, there exists an urgent need to assess the implementation of the Chainsaw Act to prevent further ecological destruction and to monitor the extent of penalties imposed upon violators;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Joint Oversight Committee on the Implementation of the Chainsaw Act convene, to be composed of the Chairpersons of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and the House Committee on Natural Resources as Chairperson and Co-chairperson, respectively, with five (5) members each from the Senate and the House of Representatives, as provided in Section 11 of RA 9175, at the soonest possible time.

Adopted,


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