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Introduced by **SENATOR COMPAÑERA PIA S. CAYETANO**

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8976, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE FOOD FORTIFICATION ACT OF 2000

Whereas, malnutrition has been and continues to be a problem in our country;

Whereas, R.A. No. 8976, otherwise known as The Philippine Food Fortification Act of 2000 was enacted in order to address the malnutrition problem;


Whereas, R.A. No. 8976 requires the mandatory food fortification for wheat flour, refined sugar, cooking oil and rice, including those milled and/or distributed by the National Food Authority, and the implementation of said law to be commenced after four (4) years from its effectivity, date as of 7 November 2000;

Whereas, the four-year period lapsed last 7 November 2004 and there have been reports of resistance from concerned sectors for various reasons, such as the current shortage of fortificants in the country necessitating the importation of fortificants and wastage in the process of adding the fortificants to the commodities;

Whereas, given the urgency of the malnutrition problem and the merit of R.A. No. 8976, it is necessary to immediately assess its implementation in the hope that we can eradicate the problem of micronutrient malnutrition in the country;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines direct the Committee on Health and Demography to inquire, in aid of legislation, into the implementation of Republic Act No. 8976, otherwise Known As The Philippine Food Fortification Act Of 2000.

Adopted,


COMPAÑERA PIA S. CAYETANO
Senator