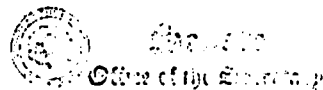


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Introduced by Senator MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES
AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE/S,
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
WITH REGARD TO MARITIME SAFETY MEASURES IMPLEMENTED
WITHIN THE PHILIPPINE ARCHIPELAGIC AND TERRITORIAL WATERS WITH
THE END IN VIEW OF LEGISLATING MEASURES TO PREVENT THE
RECURRENCE OF FUTURE MARITIME DISASTERS**

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the State to ensure the security and safety of all those who live and sojourn in the Philippine territory;

WHEREAS, according to Article I of the 1987 Constitution, the Philippine territory comprises the Philippine archipelago and all other territories over which the Philippines has sovereignty or jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2019, it was reported that a Filipino fishing vessel (F/B Gem-Ver 1) sank due to a collision with a Chinese fishing vessel within the Philippine's exclusive economic zone in the South China Sea;

WHEREAS, due to that abovementioned incident, 22 Filipino fishermen on board were abandoned by the Chinese fishing vessel but were fortunately rescued by a Vietnamese fishing vessel;

WHEREAS, just months after the above-mentioned incident, on August 3, 2019, three (3) passenger motorized bancas – M/B Chi-chi, M/B Keziah 2 and M/B Jenny Vince - capsized in the Iloilo-Guimaras Strait due to sudden strong gusts of wind and huge waves, that resulted to the loss of thirty-one (31) lives;

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2020, another Filipino fishing vessel, Liberty 5, was reported to have collided with a Hong Kong-flagged cargo vessel in Occidental Mindoro, that left twelve (12) fishermen and two (2) passengers missing, and the Philippine Coast Guard is still on search for the same;

WHEREAS, considering the three most recent incidents which concerned the safety of the local vessels and the crew, fishermen and passengers on board, it is but proper to urge the appropriate authorities and agencies to enhance the safety of the same and to review the relevant regulations and guidelines as to address the occurrence of unwanted maritime casualties and incidents putting the life and property at stake;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate Committee on Public Services and other appropriate Senate committee/s be directed, in aid of legislation, to inquire into the implementation of maritime safety measures within the Philippine archipelagic and territorial waters with the end in view of legislating measures to prevent the recurrence future maritime disasters.

Adopted,


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Senator