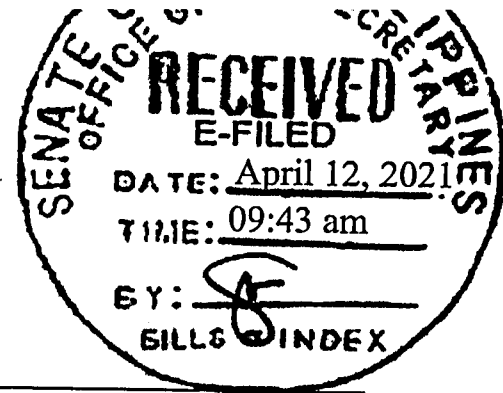


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**SENATE
P.S.RES. No. 697**



Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

RESOLUTION

URGING THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS MANDATE, TO IMMEDIATELY LOOK INTO AND COME UP WITH DEFINITE FINDINGS REGARDING THE USE OF THE DRUG IVERMECTIN FOR THE TREATMENT OF COVID-19

1 WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the Philippines Constitution declares that it
2 is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people;

3 WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9711 otherwise known as the Food and Drug
4 Administration Act of 2009, further declares that it should be a policy of the State "to
5 adopt, support, establish, institutionalize, improve and maintain structures, processes,
6 mechanisms and initiatives that are aimed, directed and designed to: (a) protect and
7 promote the right to health of the Filipino people; and (b) help establish and maintain
8 an effective health products regulatory system and undertake appropriate health
9 manpower development and research, responsive to the country's health needs and
10 problems¹;

11 WHEREAS, as such, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was
12 strengthened and mandated to "ensure the safety, efficacy or quality of health
13 products²." It is within the duty of the FDA to ensure that drugs necessary to address
14 the country's needs and problems are accessible for use by the people. Thus, all
15 possible ways and available means must be employed to immediately respond to
16 public health needs.;

¹ Republic Act No. 9711, Sec. 3

² Accessed: March 28, 2021. FDA Website <https://www.fda.gov.ph/about-fda/>

1 WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued
2 Proclamation No. 922 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the
3 entire Philippines due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

4 WHEREAS, the Department of Health reports extreme increases in the number
5 of new cases of COVID-19 infections one year after the said issuance and
6 implementation of a whole-of-government approach in addressing the outbreak;

7 WHEREAS, a concerned group of professionals and citizens advocates the use
8 of the drug Ivermectin for treatment, and even prevention, of COVID-19;

9 WHEREAS, the group, who calls themselves Concerned Doctors and Citizens
10 of the Philippines (CDCPh), reports that Ivermectin serves as internal protection
11 against Covid-19 and that various countries already use the said drug for COVID-19;

12 WHEREAS, Ivermectin is a drug commonly used in the Philippines and in the
13 United States for treating parasitic infestations such as lice, scabies and other tropical
14 diseases. It is included in the Essential Medicines List of the World Health
15 Organization (WHO) since 2019 for use as medicine for scabies³;

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Allan Landrito, a practicing integrative medical doctor, and a
17 member of the CDCPh reports that he has had successful experiences in the
18 Philippines in more than 8,000 patients which are prophylaxed with Ivermectin. He
19 claims that Ivermectin is effective in 99 percent, if not 100 percent among his patients⁴;

20 WHEREAS, the drug's manufacturers already applied for License To Operate
21 (LTO) to consequently apply for the Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) and be
22 able to distribute Ivermectin and make it available for public use. Their application was
23 filed on February 11, and has since been pending in the FDA.;

24 WHEREAS, on 15 March 2021, FDA released Advisory No. 2021-0526 which
25 advises the public against the purchase and use of Ivermectin veterinary products for
26 the treatment and prevention of COVID-19. The FDA says that the registered
27 Ivermectin veterinary products are only approved for use in the prevention of
28 heartworm disease and treatment of internal and external parasites in certain animal
29 species⁵;

³ 2019, July 25. Hay, R., Chosidow, O., Naldi, L.. WHO approval of a new Essential Medicine for dermatology
— oral Ivermectin. Accessed: <https://ilds.org/news/approval-eml-ivermectin/>

⁴ 2021, March 22. Tribune.net.ph. Medics rally behind drug. Accessed:
<https://tribune.net.ph/index.php/2021/03/22/medics-rally-behind-drug/>

⁵ Accessed: <https://caro.doh.gov.ph/on-the-purchase-and-use-of-ivermectin-veterinary-products-against-covid-19/>

1 WHEREAS, pending the approval of the application for LTO, and issuance of
2 CPR, the FDA cannot guarantee the safety and quality of Ivermectin for the treatment
3 and prevention of COVID-19;

4 WHEREAS, the uncontrollable rise in COVID-19 infection has posed serious
5 public health crisis in the country and all possible cure and medication to address the
6 pandemic should be worth the State's consideration, and with utmost urgency: Now,
7 Therefore be it

8 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved to urge the Food and
9 Drug Administration, in accordance with its mandate, to immediately look into and
10 come up with definite findings regarding the use of the drug Ivermectin for the
11 treatment of Covid-19.

Adopted.


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.