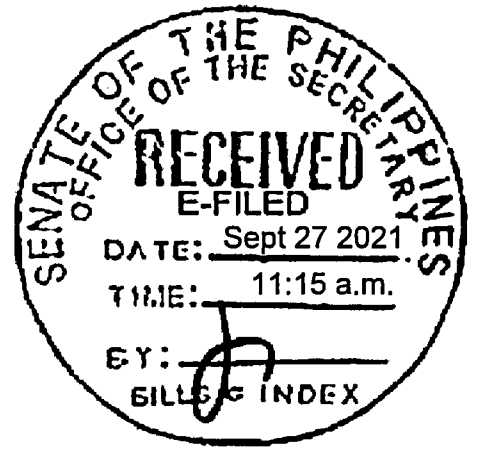


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SENATE

P.S. RES. No. 917

Introduced by **SENATOR RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA**

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DEATH OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY (PNPA) CADET 3RD CLASS GEORGE KARL MAGSAYO ALLEGEDLY DUE TO HAZING, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF IDENTIFYING POSSIBLE POLICY GAPS IN STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ANTI-HAZING ACT OF 2018 FOR THE PROTECTION AND SAFETY OF PNPA CADETS AND STUDENTS IN GENERAL

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11053 or the "Anti-Hazing Act of 2018", prohibits all forms of hazing in fraternities, sororities, and organizations in schools, including citizens' military training and citizens' army training;

WHEREAS, more than two years after the enactment of Anti-Hazing Act of 2018, its Implementing Rules and Regulation has been approved and signed just last year or on September 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, 21-year-old Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA) Cadet 3rd Class George Carl Magsayo from Zamboanga City would have had a bright future ahead of him. He dreamed to be a full-fledged police officer, a lawyer and a politician; thinking that this path would lead him to achieving his purpose of serving his people and country;

WHEREAS, on the evening of September 23, 2021, Cadet Magsayo was found by his fellow cadets' unconscious in one of the dormitory rooms of the academy;¹

¹ <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1908422/Manila/Local-News/PNPA-cadet-dies-after-beating>

WHEREAS, the cadets who found him gave first aid and alerted their officers who in turn called for an ambulance from the Academy Health Service. Cadet 3rd Class Magsayo was pronounced dead by the responding physician from Qualimed Hospital;²

WHEREAS, according to the Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief Guillermo Eleazar, their investigation showed that Cadet 2nd Class Steven Ceasar Maingat allegedly punched Magsayo in the stomach five (5) times before he collapsed³;

WHEREAS, the cadet responsible is now under the custody of the Silang Municipal Police Station and will be facing charges such as violation of Anti-Hazing Law resulting in Homicide⁴;

WHEREAS, an alarming incident was likewise reported in 2019, wherein four (4) cadets of the PNPA have been charged with violation of the Anti-Hazing Law for the alleged maltreatment of plebe John Desiderio⁵. Another, was Darwin Dormitorio, the hazing victim who died in the Philippine Military Academy⁶;

WHEREAS, PNPA Director Police Mahor General Rhoderick Armamaento claimed that the PNPA has a strict no-hazing policy and has avowed to eradicate the culture of pain and bruising in the PNPA while inculcating the highest values of respect for human life and rights among their cadets;

WHEREAS, despite the implementation of the Anti Hazing Act of 2018, it is concerning that horrible hazing incidents are allegedly still happening in the Philippine National Police Academy where we expect Justice, Integrity, and Service;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to determine the adequacy of laws, rules, and regulations, and operational protocols for the safety and protection of our PNPA cadets and students in general;

² <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1908422/Manila/Local-News/PNPA-cadet-dies-after-beating>

³ <https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/09/26/21/imbestigasyon-sa-pagkamatay-ng-pnpa-cadet-patuloy>

⁴ <https://mb.com.ph/2021/09/25/deadly-punch-pnpa-cadets-dies-after-punishment-from-upperclassman/>

⁵ <https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2019/11/15/PNPA-hazing-John-Desiderio.html>

⁶ <https://www.cnnphilippines.com/news/2020/6/25/darwin-dormitorio-hazing-pma-prosecution.html>

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alarming death of PNPA Cadet 3rd class George Karl Magsayo allegedly due to hazing, with the end in view of possible policy gaps in strict implementation of the Anti-Hazing Act of 2018 for the protection and safety of PNPA cadets and students in general.

Adopted,


RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA