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**SENATE**  
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Introduced by Senator Raffy T. Tulfo

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE USE AND PROVISION OF NON-LETHAL WEAPONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE PHILIPPINES WITH AN END IN VIEW TO IMPROVE THE POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) IN THE USE OF NON-LETHAL FORCE, ENSURING THAT THE USE OF FORCE IS PROPORTIONATE TO THE THREAT PRESENTED, AND THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS ARE PROTECTED**

1           WHEREAS, the use of force by law enforcement officers is a critical issue that  
2 affects the safety and security of the public, as well as the integrity of law enforcement  
3 agencies;

4           WHEREAS, recent incidents involving the abuse of lethal force such as issued  
5 firearms of law enforcement officers have raised concerns about the need to explore  
6 alternative methods of controlling situations that do not involve the use of lethal force;

7           WHEREAS, lethal weapons such as stun guns, pepper sprays, rubber bullets, and  
8 water cannons are available and have been used in other countries as alternatives to  
9 lethal force;

10           WHEREAS, the Philippines National Police (PNP) has been using non-lethal  
11 weapons for law enforcement operations, but their procurement, training, and usage  
12 policies have not been comprehensively reviewed;

1           WHEREAS, there should be a graduated tolerance policy training for police officers  
2 when to use force and lethal weapons in law enforcement operations and patrol duties

3           WHEREAS, it is imperative to examine the current policies and practices of the PNP  
4 in the use and provision of non-lethal weapons, to ensure that the use of force is  
5 proportionate to the threat presented, and that the fundamental rights of individuals are  
6 protected;

7           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate, to direct the Senate  
8 Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation  
9 into the use and provision of non-lethal weapons for law enforcement officers in the  
10 Philippines with an end in view to improve the policies and practices of the Philippine  
11 National Police (PNP) in the use of non-lethal force, ensuring that the use of force is  
12 proportionate to the threat presented, and that the fundamental rights of individuals are  
13 protected.

14           RESOLVED FURTHER, that the inquiry shall include, but not limited to, the  
15 following:

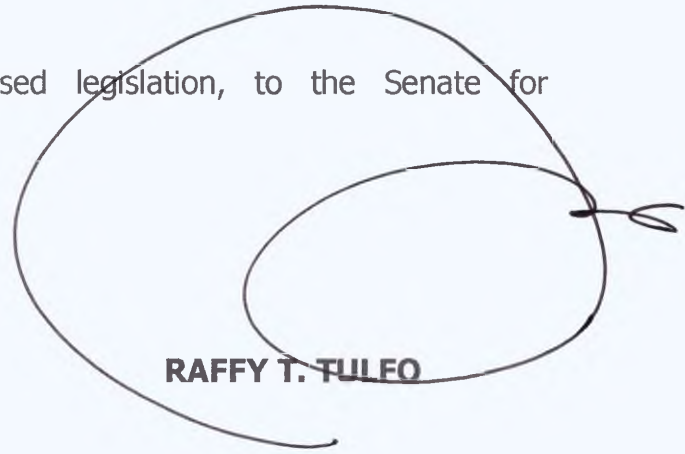
16           Reviewing the current policies and practices of the PNP in the use and provision of non-  
17 lethal weapons;

- 18           • Examining the procurement and distribution process of non-lethal weapons;
- 19           • Assessing the training and education of law enforcement officers in the use of non-  
20 lethal weapons and graduated tolerance in the conduct of patrol and law  
21 enforcement;
- 22           • Determining the effectiveness of non-lethal weapons in controlling situations that  
23 do not involve the use of lethal force;
- 24           • Evaluating the adherence of the PNP to the principles of proportionality, necessity,  
25 and accountability in the use of force; and
- 26           • Identifying possible areas for improvement in the policies, training, and  
27 deployment of non-lethal weapons.

28           RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Committee shall conduct public hearings, invite  
29 resource persons, and gather evidence to assist in its inquiry, and submit its findings and

- 1 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Senate for
- 2 appropriate action.

*Adopted,*



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