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**SENATE**  
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**RESOLUTION**  
**URGING STRONGER SAFETY MEASURES FOR MARINE VESSELS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

1           WHEREAS, recent reports have indicated that a tragic incident occurred in  
2 Binangonan, Rizal, involving the capsizing of a boat, resulting in the loss of numerous  
3 lives and injuries;

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5           WHEREAS, the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), the Maritime Industry Authority  
6 (MARINA), and the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) are the relevant government  
7 authorities responsible for overseeing and regulating maritime safety in the country;

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9           WHEREAS, the Philippine Coast Guard has reported approximately 30 casualties  
10 from the aforementioned boat accident, highlighting the urgent need to review and  
11 enhance safety measures for marine vessels in the country;

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13           WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of individuals traveling via marine vessels  
14 are of utmost importance, and it is the responsibility of the government to ensure the  
15 enforcement of stringent safety regulations to prevent similar incidents in the future;

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17           WHEREAS, it is imperative to investigate the factors contributing to the  
18 capsizing of the boat and identify any lapses in safety protocols or negligence that  
19 may have led to this unfortunate incident;

1           WHEREAS, the results of the investigation should be utilized to improve safety  
2 standards for marine vessels, addressing issues such as overloading, vessel stability,  
3 adherence to passenger capacity limits, emergency preparedness, and crew training;  
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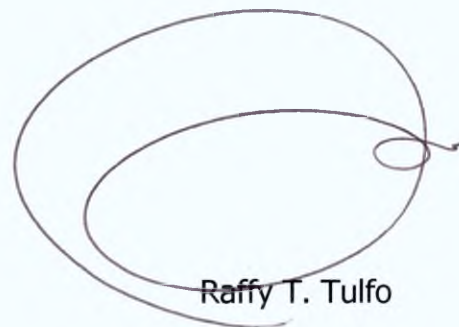
5           WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate recognizes the need to reinforce and update  
6 existing legislation and regulations related to maritime safety to ensure the protection  
7 of lives and property;  
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9           RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, That the Senate of the  
10 Philippines:

- 11       1. Expresses its deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims  
12       of the boat capsizing incident in Binangonan, Rizal, and recognizes the  
13       importance of implementing measures to prevent similar incidents in the future;
- 14       2. Urges the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), the Maritime Industry Authority  
15       (MARINA), the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), and other relevant government  
16       agencies to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the circumstances  
17       surrounding the boat capsizing incident, with the aim of identifying the causes  
18       and determining any lapses in safety protocols, crew training, vessel  
19       maintenance, and any potential negligence on the part of the PCG, MARINA,  
20       and PPA;
- 21       3. Calls for the review and enhancement of existing legislation and regulations  
22       concerning maritime safety, with a specific focus on addressing issues related  
23       to overloading, vessel stability, passenger capacity limits, emergency  
24       preparedness, and crew training;
- 25       4. Encourages the establishment of a task force or committee composed of  
26       representatives from the Philippine Coast Guard, the Maritime Industry  
27       Authority, the Philippine Ports Authority, the Department of Transportation, the  
28       Department of Tourism, and other relevant agencies, to collaborate and  
29       formulate comprehensive recommendations for improving maritime safety  
30       standards;

- 1        5. Urges the appropriate committees of the Senate to conduct hearings to gather  
2        expert opinions, testimonies, and inputs from stakeholders, including maritime  
3        industry representatives, safety experts, and affected communities to inform  
4        the crafting of legislation that strengthens maritime safety in the country;
- 5        6. Calls for the dissemination of public information campaigns and educational  
6        initiatives to raise awareness among the general public, boat operators, and  
7        passengers regarding safety guidelines, emergency procedures, and  
8        responsible maritime practices;
- 9        7. Directs the Senate Committee on Public Services, or any relevant committee,  
10       to actively monitor the progress of the investigation, the formulation of  
11       recommendations, and the drafting of legislation related to maritime safety,  
12       providing oversight and guidance throughout the process; and
- 13       8. Emphasizes that if negligence or lapses on the part of relevant government  
14       authorities are identified during the investigation, those responsible shall be  
15       held liable and accountable, amend the relevant laws, rules and regulation to  
16       impute liability to PCG PPA MARINA for lapses in implementing regulations.

*Adopted,*



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