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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON AN INCIDENT INVOLVING A SECURITY GUARD ASSAULTING A MOTORCYCLE RIDER WITH A METAL BARRIER AND OTHER ABUSES COMMITTED BY SECURITY GUARDS

WHEREAS, a video of a security guard assaulting a motorcycle rider with a metal barrier went viral last September 6, 2023 allegedly happened at around past 5PM last August 29, 2023 at the Cebu IT Park in Cebu City;

WHEREAS, according to the motorcycle rider, who was identified as Marson Mangubat, a security guard approached him and told him to leave because he was allegedly waiting for passengers. The security guard was seen throwing a metal barricade towards the oncoming motorcycle rider. As a result, the motorcycle rider sustained injuries in his knees and arms¹;

WHEREAS, in November 19, 2018, a video of a security guard in Taft Avenue, Manila who appeared to be engaged in an argument with a group of students defending a beggar. The said video was shot by a certain Verches Jerome and was posted in Facebook by Pilipino Star Ngayon. "Eto yong guard na maangas noon na namalo ng bakal sa tuhod ng matanda na pulubi noon, sienend lang sa akin yong pangyayari. sana ma aksyunan to kasi sabi sa akin hindi raw nakakalakad yong matanda na pulubi", quoted in the said post²;

WHEREAS, another security guard of a mall was again caught on camera in what appeared to be a case of animal abuse. Immediately, social media posts of a security guard throwing a puppy from a footbridge went viral.³ Allegedly, the puppy was thrown from a footbridge because some kids refused to leave the premises;

¹<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/ampArticle/1971918>

² <https://fb.watch/mV7V2KgJM4/?mibextid=cr9u03>

³ <https://www.philstar.com/nation/2023/07/16/2281433/mall-guard-meant-throw-puppy-overpass-witness>

WHEREAS, it seems that some security guards have the illusion that their uniform and employment gives them the right to strike and assault persons and even animals;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11917, otherwise known as "The Private Security Services Act" recognizes the vital role of the private sector in the protection of people and safeguarding of property as well as maintenance of peace and order in the country⁴;

WHEREAS, The Supervisory Office for Security & Investigation Agencies (SOSIA) of the PNP is the sole authority that regulates the private security industry and ensures that only competent private security personnel and professional will be allowed and deployed as a complement of our law enforcement authorities in preservation of public order in the county;

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the PNP-SOSIA to ensure that security guards are both physically and mentally qualified to perform their duties;

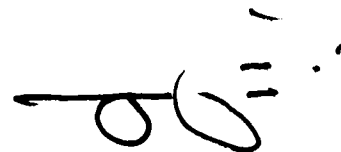
WHEREAS, the PNP-SOSIA must employ effective mechanisms in educating and training security guards of the scope and limitations of the power granted to them by their licenses, most especially those who are granted the privilege to carry a firearm;

WHEREAS, there is no place for impunity in our society. Those in the business of providing private security are not entitled to harm another in the guise of protecting the properties and interests of their masters;

WHEREAS, there is a need to look into progress of implementation of the PNP-SOSIA and other concerned agencies on the provisions of RA No. 11917 to ensure that those who provide or render security services possess the psychological fitness to exercise maximum restraint and to identify and suppress potential threats if needed be;

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on an incident involving a security guard assaulting a motorcycle rider with a metal barrier and other abuses committed by security guards.

Adopted,



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⁴ Section 2, Republic Act No. 11917