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## Introduced by: Senator Raffy T. Tulfo

## RESOLUTION

## DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FREQUENT ACCIDENTS ON THE ROADS CAUSED BY THE MISHANDLING AND IMPROPER MAINTENANCE OF LIVE WIRES AND UNATTENDED WIRES

1 WHEREAS, there has been an alarming increase in road accidents 2 nationwide caused by live cable wire mishandling and improper 3 maintenance;

WHEREAS, in just a day or on January 23, 2023, there were several reported accidents caused by dangling wires improperly installed and maintained by a telephone company along Brgy. Apolonio, Quezon City which caused injuries to person and damage to property;

8 WHEREAS, similar cases in different parts of the country where 9 damaged electrical posts are left unattended on roads without the needed 10 warning has already caused heavy financial losses and resulted to loss of 11 lives;

WHEREAS, victims of accidents caused by live cable wire mishandling
often face significant challenges in pursuing recourse against the negligent
parties;

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1 WHEREAS, the difficulties faced by these victims hinder their ability to 2 seek justice and fair compensation for injuries, fatalities, and property 3 damage resulting from such accidents;

WHEREAS, electric companies, telephone companies, and other entities involved in the installation, maintenance, and management of live cable wires shall be called upon to prioritize safety protocols and standards, ensuring compliance with all relevant regulations;

8 WHEREAS, for purposes of this resolution, there is a need to conduct 9 a review of the charter and mandate of the Metropolitan Manila Development 10 Authority (MMDA), Local Government Units (LGUs), Department of Public 11 Works and Highways (DPWH), City Engineering Office and similar agencies 12 nationwide to ensure that they are discharging their functions, more 13 specifically in ensuring that roads do not pose risk to public safety of 14 motorists and pedestrians alike;

WHEREAS, these entities shall conduct regular inspections and maintenance checks on their cable wire installations to identify and rectify potential hazards promptly;

WHEREAS, in the event of accidents resulting from the mishandling or improper maintenance of live cable wires, the responsible entities shall directly be held accountable for any injuries, fatalities, or property damage that may occur.

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to conduct an investigation in aid of legislation and to review existing policies and regulations to identify jurisdictions of each department in accidents caused by live cable wire mishandling with an end to eliminate legal obstacles that

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- 1 hinder victims' ability to seek justice against negligent parties responsible for
- 2 live cable wire accidents.

Adopted,

