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Introduced by **SENATOR COMPAÑERA PIA S. CAYETANO**

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**A RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7305, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA OF PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9173, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE NURSING ACT OF 2002**

**WHEREAS**, our health human resources serve as the main pillars of the Philippine health care system who diligently, quietly, and anonymously toil everyday to minister to the sick and afflicted, the well and unwell in health facilities across our country;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 7305, otherwise known as the Magna Carta of Public Health Workers was enacted on March 26, 1992 ;

**WHEREAS**, Department of Budget and Management issued Circular Letter 1 dated May 15, 2002 addressed to the Secretaries of Interior and Local Government and Health, chief executives of local government units, the presidents of the Leagues of Provinces, Cities and Municipalities as well as all other government officials concerned with the appropriation for mandatory benefits in LGUs to ensure the full implementation of the law;

**WHEREAS**, despite the passage of the law 15 years ago, its declared objective which is "to promote and improve the social and economic well-being of the health workers, their living and working conditions and terms of employment" remains far from being realized and implemented;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9173, otherwise known as the Philippine Nursing Act of 2002 was enacted on October 21, 2002 ;

**WHEREAS**, the law mandates a standard minimum base pay for nurses working in public health institutions to enhance their general welfare, commitment to service and professionalism;

**WHEREAS**, nurses who are currently working in government hospitals have a meager salary of Php 8,000 to Php 10,000;

**WHEREAS**, recent studies conducted by the Public Services Institute show that the mass exodus of Filipino health workers to developed countries is mainly due to the failure of the government to provide a decent living wage and the benefits to health workers;

**WHEREAS**, due to low pay and non-implementation of the benefits provided in these laws, the Philippines is currently facing a mass exodus of health workers and professionals;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Senate of the Philippines direct the Committee on Health and Demography to inquire, in aid of legislation, on the status of implementation of Republic Act No. 7305, otherwise known as the Magna Carta of Public Health Workers, and Republic Act No. 9173, otherwise known as the Philippine Nursing Act of 2002.

Adopted,

  
COMPAÑERA PIA S. CAYETANO  
Senator