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## RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS AND TRADE AND COMMERCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF ALMOST REAL-LIFE TOY GUNS, SUBSTANDARD PRODUCTS AND OTHER SUBSTANTIALLY IMMINENT INJURIOUS GOODS THAT ENDANGER THE LIVES AND SECURITY OF PEOPLE WITH THE END-IN-VIEW OF TIGHTENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RELEVANT LAWS AND FORMULATING REMEDIAL MEASURES NEEDED TO ADDRESS THE SAME

Whereas, the 1987 Philippine Constitution ordained that "[t]he maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy"<sup>1</sup>;

Whereas, the proliferation of dangerous almost real-life toy guns and replicas, substandard products and other substantially imminent injurious goods in the market are endangering the lives and security of the people;

Whereas, while toy guns and replicas and other substantially imminent injurious products are meant for entertainment and geared towards merry-making, security is endangered heavily as the same are used by some unscrupulous groups, bands, and individuals in perpetrating crimes that include hold-ups, kidnapping and others;

Whereas, in the case of season accessories as Christmas decors and ornaments, most problems are dented towards substandard manufacturing and in some cases, the presence of fake import clearance certificates (ICCs);

Whereas, the relevant law<sup>2</sup> provides that Filipinos must be "protected against hazards to health and safety" and must be accorded "protection against deceptive, unconscionable and unfair sales act and practices";

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Article II, Section 5, The 1987 Philippine Constitution

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Republic Act 7349, The Consumer Code of the Philippines

Whereas, the meaningful and honest-to-goodness implementation of our existing laws and regulations governing the proliferation of almost real-life toy guns and replicas, substandard products and other substantially imminent injurious goods must be done to protect the citizens: Now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To urge the Senate Committees on Public Order and Illegal Dugs and Trade and Commerce to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the proliferation of almost real-life toy guns, substandard products and other substantially imminent injurious goods that endanger the lives and security of people with the end-in-view of tightening the implementation of relevant laws and formulating remedial measures needed to address the same.

Adopted,

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