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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPROPER USE OF BFAD UNAPPROVED
AQUAGEL FOR PENIS ENLARGEMENT SURGERY

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 provides that, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* in its 7 May 2008 news article reported that the aquagel allegedly used in a penis enlargement procedure to a Filipino-American client by the Calayan Surgicenter was not approved by the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD);

WHEREAS, the patient, Louem Martinez will file charges against Manny and Pie Calayan, owners and operators of the Calayan Surgicenter for botching the penis enlargement procedure;

WHEREAS, according to Dr. Hector Santos, head of the Plastic and Aesthetic Surgeons Association, aquagel was used only on the face to remove freckles but not in end organs like the penis and fingers; when aquagel is used on the penis to enhance its girth, it would remove the blood supply;

WHEREAS, Dr. Santos further stated that the aquagel advocated by recent reports actually originates from China and is 90 to 95 percent water and five percent gel and has never been proven by the Food and Drug Authority (FDA) for injection for penis enlargement;

WHEREAS, using aquagel for penis enlargement could possibly lead to erectile dysfunction;

WHEREAS, surgeons should have taken fat from the patient's body and should not have used the banned aquagel, which is just five percent gel;

WHEREAS, it is the government's concern to protect its citizens from ill medical practices by creating laws that will safeguard the patient's best interest;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the government further educate its citizens on the safety and perils of cosmetic surgery;

WHEREAS, the government should strictly monitor surgical clinics on the materials, cosmetic aids and chemicals that they use for their operations;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the improper use of BFAD unapproved aquagel used for penis enlargement surgery.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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