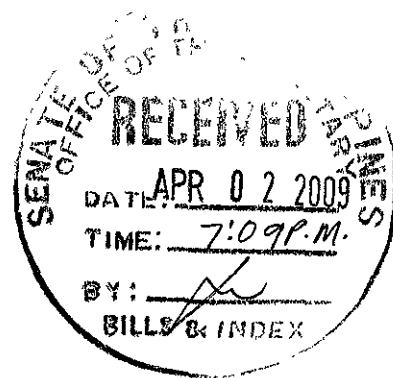


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INTRODUCED BY THE HONORABLE MAR ROXAS

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES AS MANDATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7875 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT OF 1995" PARTICULARLY ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN RELATION TO MEMBERS OF THE INFORMAL SECTOR, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF DETERMINING APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE HEALTHCARE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE INFORMAL SECTOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;"

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution and Section 1 of Republic Act No. 7875 otherwise known as the "National Health Insurance Act of 1995" further provide that "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers;"

WHEREAS, the informal sector workers largely belong to the economically disadvantaged but potentially productive age groups comprising of around fifty percent (50%) of total employment over the past years;

WHEREAS, most of the members in the informal sector are market and ambulant vendors, tricycle, pedicab and jeepney drivers, "own-account" construction and port workers who are unregistered and unrecorded which make them beyond the reach of government regulations and protection;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to know the real status of the healthcare services provided to the members of the informal sector to ensure and determine legislative measures which shall address the healthcare problems and provide solutions and benefits for the said sector;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate direct the Senate Committee on Health to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, to determine the status of the healthcare services as mandated under Republic Act No. 7875 otherwise known as the "National Health Insurance Act of 1995" particularly its implementation in relation to members of the informal sector, with the end in view of determining appropriate legislative measures to provide adequate healthcare to the members of the informal sector and for other purposes.

Adopted,


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Senator