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Introduced by Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon

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RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE GOVERNMENT ARSENAL**

**Whereas**, the Government Arsenal was created under Republic Act No. 1884 on June 22, 1957 as a line bureau under the Department of National Defense for the manufacture of small arms ammunition (SAA);

**Whereas**, under RA 1884, the Government Arsenal was mandated to achieve within a reasonable time, self-sufficiency in small arms, mortars and other weapons, ammunitions for this weapons and other munitions for use of the military establishments;

**Whereas**, Section 24, Chapter 3, Subtitle II, Title VIII (National Defense) of Executive Order No. 292, s. 1987, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, stipulates that the Government Arsenal shall, among other, "...procure, stockpile and allocate arms, mortars and other weapons and munitions without the necessity of obtaining any permits or licenses; and devise ways and means for the efficient mobilization of civilian industry to augment the production of the Arsenal in time of emergency";

**Whereas**, Section 12 of Republic Act No. 7898, otherwise known as the AFP Modernization Act of 1995 mandates that "the Government Arsenal shall be effectively utilized in the production of basic weapons, ammunition and other munitions for the use of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP), and for the sale and export of products in excess of AFP/PNP requirements";

**Whereas**, Executive Order No. 303 dated 29 March 2004 mandates the AFP, PNP and other law enforcement agencies to source their small arms ammunition and other munitions from the Government Arsenal;

**Whereas**, Presently, only four (4) types of ammunitions are being produced by the Government Arsenal: the 7.62mm M80, 5.56mm M193, Cal .45 M1911, and 9mm Parabellum;

**Whereas**, there is a need to upgrade the capability of the Government Arsenal to produce not only small arms ammunition but also higher caliber ammunition such as 40 cal., 50 cal. and even mortars and other crew-served weapons ammunitions;

**Whereas**, there are reports on the shortage of ammunition being used by the military and police establishments;

**Whereas**, if these reports are indeed true and we are importing ammunition to fill this shortage, this definitely has an impact on our dollar reserves;

**Whereas**, there is also a need to secure the sufficiency and availability of ammunition as this affects national security; **Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, As It Is Hereby Resolved,**

**By the Senate,** To Direct the Senate Committee on National Defense and Security To Conduct An Inquiry, In Aid Of Legislation, On The Status Of The Government Arsenal.

Adopted,

  
ROBOLFO G. BIAZON  
Senator