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RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS LAW IN CONGRUENCE WITH THE EFFORTS INSTITUTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO CURB INCREASING IPR VIOLATIONS

Whereas, in the effort to curb software piracy, the International Property Code of the Philippines was enacted, primarily to impose penalties to the violation thereof, which may impose up to nine years imprisonment and a fine of up to P1.5 million to be incurred by violators;

Whereas, since its enactments, National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and Intellectual Property Rights Division (IPRD) have been working together to execute the law by conducting strategic raids in areas known to be hubs of businesses engaged in the sale of unlicensed software kits, including computers equipped with unlicensed software;

Whereas, a news article by Patrick Miranda Co dated November 16, 2007 conveys the goal of the government agencies and its partner institutions to ensure the complete eradication of software piracy in the country as supported by the efforts of the Optical Media Board (OMB) and the Philippine National Police, comprising the Pilipinas Anti-Piracy Team (PAPT)[1];

Whereas, recently, the Business Software Alliance (BSA) declared that software piracy remains as a menace that slowly kills our information technology (IT) industry which relatively impair our economy, also as reported in The Manila Times on August 17, 2009;

Whereas, the fight against software piracy must seriously be implemented;

Whereas, to instill the consciousness of the ill effects of using pirated software, the BSA organization devised grants of monetary reward up to P1 million to citizens who will be significant in the prosecution of companies allegedly using pirated software in their operations;

[1] http://www.mirandah.com/Philippines_Officials_tackle_software_piracy.aspx

Whereas, the government should be in the forefront of implementing the anti-piracy campaign in the aim of aiding the country's economic recovery and resuscitate millions that the economy is losing due to the rampant stealing of intellectual property;

Whereas, concerned government agencies and support organizations shall strictly implement laws that will encumber the worsening piracy problem in the country, as well as improving the prosecution and judicial system in the country top complement the enforcement of the laws to eradicate the ill repercussions that software piracy project in the economy of the country; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Senate Committee on Public Information and Mass Media and other appropriate Senate Committee/s to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation on the implementation of the Intellectual property Rights Law in congruence with the efforts instituted by the government agencies to curb increasing IPR violations.

Adopted,

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Senator