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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 NEED TO CREATE QUICKER AND MORE
EFFICIENT MEANS ON THE APPLICATION FOR GOVERNMENT IDs AND
CLEARANCES

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 24 provides: "The State recognizes the vital role of communication and information in nation-building";

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 3, Section 7 provides: "The right of the people to information on matters of public concern shall be recognized. Access to official records, and to documents and papers pertaining to official acts, transactions, or decisions, as well as to government research data used as basis for policy development, shall be afforded the citizen, subject to such limitations as may be provided by law";

WHEREAS, various complaints stated that there should be a more efficient way to apply for a taxpayer's identification number, clearance from the National Bureau of Investigation, and other government IDs and clearances; these complainants cited as a possible solution the creation of an online application process, which was already done by the Department of Foreign Affairs with regard to passport application;

WHEREAS, complainants have cited their common experience of being transferred from one government employee to another when applying for government IDs and clearances;

WHEREAS, since not all applications for government IDs and clearances are available online, government departments or agencies responsible for releasing such documents should clarify the requirements, processes, and other instructions for acquiring such documents;

WHEREAS, government agencies should create measures that will quicken the processing of documents and make their agency and its services more accessible to the people;

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 need to create quicker and more efficient means on the application for government IDs and clearances.

Adopted,

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