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RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY, TRADE AND COMMERCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF EXPIRED PROCESSED FOOD IN THE MARKET WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF REVIEWING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7394 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CONSUMER CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

**WHEREAS**, Article 2 of Republic Act 7394 provides:

*"Article 2. Declaration of Basic Policy. – It is the policy of the State to protect the interests of the consumer, promote his general welfare and to establish standards of conduct for business and industry. Towards this end, the State shall implement measures to achieve the following objectives:*

*a) protection against hazards to health and safety;*

*b) x x x "*

**WHEREAS**, the Food and Drugs Administration has noticed and issued a warning that some retail establishments or individuals are unscrupulously selling, offering for commerce and distributing pre-packaged or processed food;

**WHEREAS**, some of these goods are found to be stale or their "consume before" have expired thereby compromising their safety and quality to the detriment of the consuming public;

**WHEREAS**, drinking milk and eating food several days after the expiration date greatly increases the risk of developing a case of Listeria infection which can be deadly in some cases;

**WHEREAS**, it also increases the risk of food poisoning which is caused by the presence of bacteria or other microbes which infect the body after consumption and the ingestion of toxins, including bacterially produced exotoxins, and a variety of pathogenic bacteria, viruses, prions or parasites that contaminate food;

**WHEREAS**, with the public increasing its consumption of holiday food items which largely consist of processed food and drinks it becomes necessary for the Senate to conduct an inquiry and recommend to appropriate government agencies to implement safety measures for the consumers; **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, as it hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to urge the Senate Committees on Health and Demography, Trade and Commerce to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the proliferation of expired processed food in the market with the objective of reviewing Republic Act No. 7394 otherwise known as the Consumer Code of the Philippines.

Adopted,



**MANNY VILLAR**