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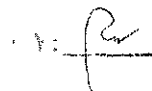
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SENATE

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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES IN THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, *IN AID OF LEGISLATION*, INTO THE SAFETY STANDARDS AND PRACTICES BEING IMPLEMENTED IN THE COUNTRY'S FUN RUNS, MARATHONS, TRIATHLONS AND SIMILAR MULTI-DISTANCE SPORTING EVENTS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THE SAFETY OF OUR RUNNERS AND SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS.

WHEREAS, running is a sport that has become a craze in our country in recent years and as such there is a boom in running and multi-distance sporting events such as fun runs, marathons, triathlons, etc.;

WHEREAS, due to the swelling number of people who are into running, we are confronted with the possible surge of profiteering sporting events that has no regard for our runners' and sports enthusiasts' safety;

WHEREAS, participants in running and multi-distance events often complain of lack of adequate water stations which should be a vital concern in such events as runners should be well-hydrated especially in a very humid climate like ours;

WHEREAS, other complaints include lack of portable toilets, absence of marshalls to direct and guide runners, proper route markers, and the absence of paramedics or medical staff on stand-by;

WHEREAS, in some cases runners dart the course along with raging vehicles which lead them to think if organizers have secured the necessary permits or if they have coordinated the event with the proper authorities;

WHEREAS, while these running and multi-distance sporting events serve as platform to encourage our people's interest in sports, it is imperative that we ensure the safety and well-being of our runners and sports enthusiasts;

WHEREAS, there is a need to review the policies and standards being implemented by entities concerned in the organization of running and multi-distance sporting events with the end in view of ensuring a safe and healthy experience for our runners and sports enthusiasts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to direct the appropriate committees in the Senate to conduct an inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, into the safety standards and practices being implemented in the country's fun runs, marathons, triathlons and similar multi-distance sporting events with the end in view of ensuring the safety of our runners and sports enthusiasts.

Adopted,


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Senator