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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO CREATE FASTER AND MORE EFFICIENT
MEANS OF APPLYING 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, there are calls from different sectors for 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;

WHEREAS, these complainants cited as a possible solution the creation of an online application process, already being done by the Department of Foreign Affairs in its passport application process;

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 faster and more efficient means of applying for government IDs and clearances.

Adopted,

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