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Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III

**RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT
AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO
STRENGTHEN THE REGULATION OF STEM CELL THERAPY IN
THE COUNTRY**

WHEREAS, it is the avowed policy of the State, as declared in *Article 2, Section 15 of the Constitution*, to protect and promote the right to health of the people;

WHEREAS, Stem Cell Therapy (the "Procedure") is a type of intervention strategy that introduces adult stem cells into damaged tissues to be able to treat a disease or injury;

WHEREAS, the Procedure has been proven beneficial in some medical conditions such as cancers of the blood and bone marrow, but is considered highly experimental in the treatment of other diseases;

WHEREAS, the Procedure became controversial after it was reported by the media that three (3) government officials allegedly died after going through the Procedure and another government official filed charges against a German doctor for his failed treatment;

WHEREAS, Stem Cell Therapy for unproven indications is proliferating in the Philippines and worse, said procedures are reported to be performed by unaccredited foreign doctors in five-star hotels;

WHEREAS, these uncontrolled practices are not only posing serious safety issues to unknowing clients, but also claiming the lives of our people;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of Congress to protect and uphold the right to health, and especially the right to life, of the Filipino people;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE TO DIRECT THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON

**THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE REGULATION OF STEM CELL
THERAPY IN THE COUNTRY.**

Adopted,

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