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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SERVICES, PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF TEXT SCAMS THAT ARE DIRECTED AT POSTPAID SUBSCRIBERS OF TELECOMMUNICATION PROVIDERS AND INQUIRE ON THE MEASURES BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, AND PRIVATE TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES TO PUT A STOP TO THESE UNSCRUPULOUS TRANSACTIONS

WHEREAS, recently, prepaid mobile subscribers are pestered by text scams that mask as "discount", "refund", "prizes", "stranded relatives" and other fraudulent claims that are actually share-a-load transactions;

WHEREAS, said dodgy text messages are directed at postpaid subscribers and tricks them into sending load credits to scammers;

WHEREAS, despite actions taken by telecommunication providers to warn their patrons particularly their postpaid subscribers, many are still misled into believing and are swindled by this unscrupulous scheme;

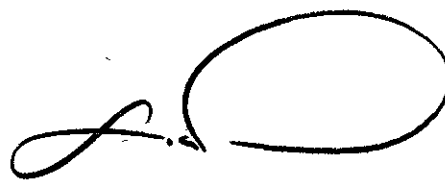
WHEREAS, a more concrete plan of action is needed to catch these swindlers who prey on innocent mobile phone users;

WHEREAS, there is a need to investigate how these swindlers get access to mobile numbers of postpaid subscribers and institute measures that will strengthen the protection of mobile phone subscribers;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to address this matter and dig deeper into a possible breach of security and privacy to put a halt on the misuse of personal data of mobile subscribers;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines directs the committees on Public Services, Public Information and Mass Media, and other appropriate Senate committees to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the proliferation of text scams that are directed at postpaid subscribers of telecommunication providers and inquire on the measures being undertaken by the National Telecommunications Commission and private telecommunication companies to put a stop to these unscrupulous transactions.

Adopted,


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