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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" L. Lapid

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN
AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PREVALENCE OF ABORTION PRODUCTS AND
SERVICES IN THE COUNTRY WITH THE END IN VIEW OF IMPROVING
LEGISLATION AGAINST SELLERS AND PROVIDERS OF ABORTION PRODUCTS
AND SERVICES, FOR THE PROTECTION OF BOTH THE WOMAN AND THE UNBORN
CHILD

WHEREAS, Section 12, Article II of the Constitution provides "The State recognizes the sanctity of family life and shall protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution. It shall equally protect the life of the mother and the life of the unborn from conception."

WHEREAS, to this end, Articles 256 to 259 of the Revised Penal Code criminalizes abortion;

WHEREAS, despite this, the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) reports that every year there are 155,000 to 750,000 cases of induced abortions in the country;

WHEREAS, a 2008 study by the Guttmacher Institute declares that the estimated cases of induced abortion every year results in 90,000 women being hospitalized for post-abortion care, and about 1,000 deaths a year due to "crude and painful" methods used in abortion;

WHEREAS, abortion products and services, such as but not limited to herbal concoctions, cytotech, and other drugs that induce menstruation, local "hilot" or masseuse who massage the abdomen to induce abortion, and operators of informal abortion clinics, are present but hardly prosecuted in the country;

WHEREAS, induced abortions from these products and services result in high maternal mortality and morbidity;

WHEREAS, there is a need to improve legislation against sellers and providers of abortions products and services in order to protect the health of both the woman and the unborn child;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, TO DIRECT THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PREVALENCE OF ABORTION PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IN THE COUNTRY WITH THE END IN VIEW OF IMPROVING LEGISLATION AGAINST SELLERS AND PROVIDERS OF ABORTION PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, FOR THE

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Adopted,


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