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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTS THAT ACCESSORIES PURPORTING TO BE LUCKY CHARMS SOLD IN MANILA CONTAIN TOXIC CHEMICALS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENHANCING REGULATIONS ON THESE PRODUCTS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 14, Article 11 of the Constitution asserts, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

**WHEREAS**, environmental advocacy group EcoWaste Coalition warned the public of the dangers lucky charms and ornaments of the same nature pose;

**WHEREAS**, in a screening conducted by said group it was discovered that 13 out of 20 trinkets bought from sidewalk vendors in Binondo and Quiapo, Manila were found to contain toxic substances such as lead, arsenic, chromium, antimony, and cadmium, all of which are among the World Health Organization's Top 10 "chemicals of major public health concern";

**WHEREAS**, the excessive amount of toxic substances were attributed to the paint used which contained as much as 7,920 parts per million (ppm) of lead, a figure way above the 90 ppm threshold limit;

**WHEREAS**, EcoWaste Coalition stressed that exposure to said toxic chemicals has been associated with a number of health problems such as reproductive disorders, birth defects, hormonal imbalances, heart ailments, etc.;

**WHEREAS**, consumers are more vulnerable to buying these trinkets because of its cheap price;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the appropriate Senate committees to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the reports that accessories purporting to be lucky charms sold in Manila contain toxic chemicals, with the end in view of enhancing regulation on these products

*Adopted,*

  
MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID