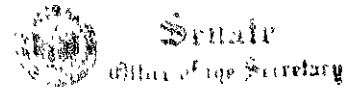


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

1 RESOLUTION

2 DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
3 IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED WARNING BY THE FOOD AND
4 DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) ON FAKE AND UNREGISTERED MEDICINES

5 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 12, Section 12 provides: "The State shall
6 establish and maintain an effective food and drug regulatory system and undertake
7 appropriate health, manpower development, and research, responsive to the country's
8 health needs and problems";

9 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 further states that: "The State
10 shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness
11 among them";

12 WHEREAS, various news media sources reported on 13 and 16 March 2015 that
13 the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warned the public against counterfeit versions
14 of a fruit punch-flavored antibiotic being sold in the market;

15 WHEREAS, the FDA reportedly confirmed that Klaricid Clarithromycin
16 250mg/5ml granules for suspension in fruit punch flavor No. L7877 is a counterfeit drug
17 after Abbott Laboratories Philippines compared it with the registered drug;

18 WHEREAS, according to the FDA's analysis, the Abbott Philippines noted that
19 the fake medicine carried a five-character list number, L7877, while the authentic
20 product's list number contained only four characters, L207;

1 WHEREAS, Abbott Philippines claimed that the authentic Klaricid is
2 manufactured in Indonesia and not in Saint-Laurent, Quebec, Canada, as indicated in the
3 label of the fake drug;

4 WHEREAS, the FDA reportedly reminded consumers to use only FDA-registered
5 health products and to look for the FDA registration number for drug products;

6 WHEREAS, according to the FDA, local government units and law enforcement
7 agencies should ensure that these products are not sold or offered for sale in their
8 localities or area of jurisdiction;

9 WHEREAS, the FDA also reportedly ordered its field regulation officers to
10 confiscate the fake product from the market or from people who have it;

11 WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, and concerned agencies
12 should guarantee the safety of medicines in the Philippines through stricter monitoring of
13 the authenticity of medicines before they are allowed to be sold in the market in a bid to
14 protect public health;

15 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE
16 to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the
17 reported warning by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on fake and unregistered
18 medicines.

Adopted,


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