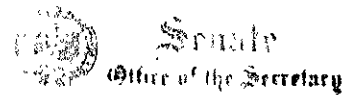


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT THE NATIONAL BUREAU
OF INVESTIGATION DISCOVERED A NEW DATE RAPE DRUG BEING USED IN
THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 provides: "The State shall
protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness
among them";

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the "Comprehensive
Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002", Section 2, paragraph 2 states: "... the government shall
pursue an intensive and unrelenting campaign against the trafficking and use of
dangerous drugs and other similar substances through an integrated system of planning,
implementation and enforcement of anti-drug abuse policies, programs, and projects;"

WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 15 April 2015 reported that the National
Bureau of Investigation (NBI) discovered a new type of illegal drug called Gamma-
Hydroxybutyric acid (GHB) during its raid in Mandaluyong City on 14 April 2015;

WHEREAS, the news quoted NBI Director Virgilio Mendez as saying that the
GHB is a liquid type of ecstasy and is considered as a club drug or "date rape" drug, used
by teenagers during parties at clubs and often placed in alcoholic beverages;

WHEREAS, Mendez also claimed that the GHB is usually given to unsuspecting
high school and college victims prior to sexual assaults, because of the drug's sedative
effect and potency to induce amnesia;

1 WHEREAS, NBI Anti-illegal Drugs Unit chair Joel Tovera was also quoted in the
2 report as saying that this was the first time that the agency recovered the GHB in its buy-
3 bust operation, and that there are no records yet in the Philippines about this drug;

4 WHEREAS, according to Tovera, one of the suspects arrested during the raid
5 informed them that the GHB contains bleach; muriatic acid or hydrochloric acid; and
6 unknown components which might have been imported;

7 WHEREAS, Tovera also claimed that those who were addicted to GHB—which
8 costs some ₱10,000 for 100 milliliters—quit using shabu and marijuana since the liquid
9 drug is undetectable;

10 WHEREAS, the government must ensure that agencies involved in anti-drug
11 efforts are equipped with intelligence, technology, and expertise to monitor, detect and
12 prevent GHB production, sale, and use;

13 WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, should protect schools and
14 other institutions for the youth, who may be the intended market for this new drug;

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 report that the National Bureau of Investigation discovered a new date rape drug being
18 used in the country.

Adopted,


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