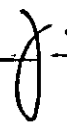


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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON REPORTED PROSTITUTION DENS FOR MINORS
AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH IN MANILA

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 13 provides:

2 The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall
3 promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-
4 being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage
5 their involvement in public and civic affairs.

6 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* on 10 December 2015 reported that law
7 enforcers recently raided a row of makeshift cubicles housing minors under the Honorio Lopez
8 Bridge in Gagalangin in Tondo, Manila;

9 WHEREAS, suspects rounded up in the raid allegedly included employees of the Metro
10 Manila Development Authority and workers at the Manila North Harbor who offered the sex
11 services of minors and out-of-school youth to customers for a fee;

12 WHEREAS, a victim who managed to escape also charged that the pimps would
13 sometimes force victims to substance abuse;

14 WHEREAS, the report quoted a barangay sentinel, who hinted at knowledge of the sex
15 trade, and who claimed that the prostitution den persists because the area lies on the border of
16 two barangays;

17 WHEREAS, there is a need to revisit Republic Act No. 7160, also known as the Local
18 Government Code of 1991, on the role of local governments, including the barangay in
19 maintaining peace and order within their jurisdiction;

20 WHEREAS, the Congress must strengthen existing legislation to impress upon barangay
21 officials the importance of coordination in solving problems in their areas;

1 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
2 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported
3 prostitution dens for minors and out-of-school youth in Manila.

Adopted,

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