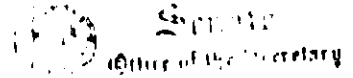


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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED
INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 5 provides: "The maintenance of peace
2 and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare
3 are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy";

4 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 29 November 2015 reported that motorcycle deaths
5 are rising according to a study conducted after the World Health Organization announced that
6 road accidents are one of the leading causes of deaths in the Philippines;

7 WHEREAS, the study, conducted by think tank Thinking Machine, allegedly used the
8 Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) data on accidents and road mishaps that kill
9 8,499 people a year;

10 WHEREAS, the think tank allegedly projected that 44 percent of the fatalities would be
11 pedestrians, with accidents before dawn thrice more likely to result in injuries or deaths;

12 WHEREAS, motorcycle riders are reportedly the most vulnerable to accidents,
13 particularly when they do not wear protective gear;

14 WHEREAS, statistics cited in the report showed that bicycle riders have a 66.8 percent
15 chance of figuring in an accident, followed by motorcycle riders, at 52.6 percent;

16 WHEREAS, data also allegedly showed that in a span of 10 years, more pedestrians were
17 hit by motorcycles compared to other type of vehicles;

18 WHEREAS, Congress must review and intensify existing laws on the safety of
19 motorcycle riders, particularly on helmets;

20 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
21 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, in the reported increase
22 in the number of motorcycle accidents.

Adopted,


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