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Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE
COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF
THE PHILIPPINE IMMUNIZATION POLICY**

WHEREAS, the *Constitution* requires the State both to take a proactive role in the preventive healthcare of infants and children and to establish an effective food and drug regulatory system;

WHEREAS, through *Republic Act No. 10152*, the State adopted a comprehensive, mandatory, and sustainable immunization program for vaccine-preventable diseases for all infants and children;

WHEREAS, *Section 3(i)* of *Republic Act No. 10152* gives the Secretary of Health leeway to determine what vaccine-preventable diseases shall be included in the mandatory basic immunization program;

WHEREAS, the recent revelations regarding the risks of the Dengvaxia vaccine have called the nation's attention to the extent of danger that overeager drug companies and our public health officials may expose our children to, whether through negligence or simple fallibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, that the appropriate committee

should review the legal framework of the Philippine immunization policy in order to ensure that there is a clear process, both for the approval of vaccines that are made available to the public and for the inclusion of diseases in the mandatory basic immunization program, that will minimize all possible risks to infants and children who are vaccinated.

Adopted,


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