



Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE GROWING NUMBER OR
CASES OF LEPTOSPIROSIS

1 WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides
2 the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill
3 health consciousness among them;

4 WHEREAS, Leptospirosis is defined by the World Health Organization as a
5 bacterial disease that affects humans and animals that can lead to kidney damage,
6 meningitis, liver failure, respiratory distress, and even death;

7 WHEREAS, Leptospirosis is spread through the urine of infected animals such
8 as rodents, dogs, cattle, pigs, and wild animals and can infect humans when in
9 contact with urine from infected animals and in contact with water, soil, or food
10 contaminated with the urine of infected animals;

11 WHEREAS, on July 5, 2018 the Department of Health (DOH) declared a
12 Leptospirosis outbreak in eighteen (18) barangays in seven (7) cities in Metro
13 Manila;

14 WHEREAS, an article from GMA News Online, dated July 5, 2018, reported
15 that the number of Leptospirosis cases reached 1,030 between January to June
16 2018 marking a forty one percent (41%) increase in comparison to the same period
17 of the previous year;

18 WHEREAS, the article from GMA News Online lastly reported that the death
19 toll for Leptospirosis have reached ninety nine (99) persons as of July 5, 2018;

20 WHEREAS, considering the foregoing, there is a need for a concerted effort
21 from all fronts in immediately spreading awareness regarding Leptospirosis in order
22 to address the prevalence and proactively act in deterring the said disease;

23 BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the proper Senate
24 Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the growing number or
25 cases of Leptospirosis.

Adopted,


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