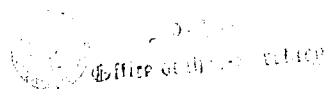


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RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE INCREASING INCIDENCE OF SOCIAL MEDIA-RELATED HACKING, ILLEGAL ACCESS, AND OTHER BREACHES OF CYBERSECURITY

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 24 of the 1987 Constitution declares that the "State recognizes the vital role of communication and information in nation-building";

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10175, otherwise known as the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012, safeguards the integrity of computer systems, networks, and databases from all forms of misuse, abuse, and illegal access, and provides penalties for cybercrimes and other computer-related offenses;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 10844, otherwise known as the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Act of 2015, the DICT is given the responsibility to ensure and protect the rights of information and communications technology users, and is in charge of the Cybercrime Investigation and Coordination Center (CICC), created under the Cybercrime Prevention Act;

WHEREAS, the offices of the individual senators have received a number of complaints from constituents about an alarming rise in social media accounts inexplicably being hacked, taken over, and used for nefarious purposes, including pornography and fraud- early this year, the YouTube live stream channel of Radio Veritas was hacked; in March, the Facebook page of the Diocese of Antipolo and the accounts of its priests were also hacked; just recently, the Facebook accounts of the Diocese of Kidapawan and its Bishop, Most Rev. Jose Colin M. Bagaforo, D.D., were targeted and misused to share explicit content and to attempt to swindle funds;

WHEREAS, despite the above-stated laws, users of information and communications technology, specifically social media accounts and pages, are unable to find prompt and sufficient recourse to prevent and abate these breaches in cybersecurity and the resulting damage.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO CALL FOR THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE INCREASING INCIDENCE OF SOCIAL MEDIA-RELATED HACKING, ILLEGAL ACCESS, AND BREACHES OF CYBERSECURITY.


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