


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE ALLEGED FAILURE AND INEFFECTIVENESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7305, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA OF PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE SAME

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 7305 principally aims to: 1) "promote and improve the social and economic well-being of the health workers, their living and working conditions and terms of employment;" 2) "develop their skills and capabilities in order that they will be more responsive and better equipped to deliver health projects and programs; and 3) "encourage those with proper qualifications and excellent abilities to join and remain in government service;"

WHEREAS, in a summit conducted by the Philippine Medical Association on the full implementation of the Magna Carta of Public Health Workers on 10 December 2006, health organizations nationwide namely the: Philippine Medical Association; Philippine Hospital Association; Philippine Public Health Workers; Provincial Health Officers Association of the Philippines; Association of Municipal Health Officers of the Philippines; Philippine Nurses Association; Integrated Midwives Association of the Philippines; Philippine Association of Medical Technologist; Nutritionist-Dietitian Association of the Philippines; Philippine Physical Therapy Association; Occupational Therapist Association of the Philippines; Philippine Pharmaceutical Association and Philippine Dental Association, through their respective presidents, expressed their sentiment on the failure of the government agencies concerned to fully implement RA No. 7305 which only "aggravated the poor standard of living" of public health workers and contributed to their exodus to seek greener pastures abroad;

WHEREAS, the above categorical sentiment expressed in a formal manifesto by almost all health organizations nationwide is a matter of utmost concern if only to ensure that the policy adopted by Congress through the enactment of the Magna Carta of Public Health Workers is taken seriously by the Executive Branch in its implementation, more so that it is the health sector itself that is expressing the failure of such implementation;

WHEREAS, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) as leading agencies of government in the implementation of RA No. 7305 should be required to strictly employ the budgetary estimates provided for in the law as may be submitted, “reviewed and increased accordingly by the Secretary of Health in consultation with the DBM and the Congressional Commission on Health (HEALTHCOM);”

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, there may be a need to revisit RA No. 7305 to look into its budgetary provisions as well as the corresponding implementing rules and regulations that has been formulated and prepared by the Secretary of Health pursuant to Section 25 of the said law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to direct the Committee on Health and Demography to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation into the alleged failure and ineffectiveness in the implementation of Republic Act No. 7305, otherwise known as the Magna Carta of Public Health Workers, with the end in view of enacting legislative measures to address the same

Adopted,



FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO