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**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND
 DEMOGRAPHY TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE
 IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9211 OR THE TOBACCO
 REGULATIONS ACT OF 2003**

Whereas, Republic Act No. 9211 or the Tobacco Regulations Act of 2003 was enacted into law on 23 June 2003;

Whereas, the Tobacco Regulations Act of 2003 bans smoking in all schools, including outdoor premises, and in all enclosed or confined public places and all public transportations;

Whereas, effective 1 July 2006, tobacco sponsorship is restricted to activities for those "18 and above" and health warnings are required to cover 30% of the front panel of all product packages;

Whereas, effective 1 January 2007, tobacco advertisements are forbidden from being aired on TV, cable TV and radio;

Whereas, effective 1 July 2007, outdoor and cinema tobacco advertisements are no longer allowed;

Whereas, effective 1 July 2008, tobacco sponsorship are barred in sports, concert, cultural, and art events and all forms of tobacco advertisements in all mass media are prohibited;

Whereas, there are reports of numerous violations and non compliance of these deadlines;

Whereas, smoking is the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death, the second major cause of death in the world and the fourth most common risk factor for disease worldwide;

Whereas, every cigarette smoked cuts at least five minutes of life on average, about the same time taken to smoke a single stick;

Whereas, according to the World Health Organization in 2001, there was an estimated 1.3 billion smokers worldwide;


Whereas, half these smokers, or 650 million people, are expected to die prematurely of a tobacco-related disease;

Whereas, 70% of these smoking-related deaths will occur in developing countries in Asia, Africa, and South America;

Whereas, given these alarming reports and facts, it is necessary to inquire on the status of implementation of the Tobacco Regulations Act of 2003.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate Committees on Health and Demography to inquire, in aid of legislation, the status of implementation of Republic Act No. 9211 or the Tobacco Regulations Act of 2003.

Adopted,


COMPANERA PIA S. CAYETANO