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Introduced by: **SENATOR COMPAÑERA PIA S. CAYETANO**

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7942 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE MINING ACT OF 1995.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7942 otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995 was enacted on March 03, 1995;

WHEREAS, the constitutionality of the Philippine Mining Act of 1995 was upheld by the Supreme Court on December 1, 2004;

WHEREAS, the Executive Department thereafter announced that it will implement a policy that will revive and revitalize the mining industry of the country;

WHEREAS, the Executive Department has stated that it expects to generate around US\$56 Billion in new investments and 20,000 additional jobs from the mining sector in the next 10 years;

WHEREAS, to date, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources has approved 266 Mineral Production Sharing Agreements, 27 Exploration Permits, 2 Technical or Financial Assistance Agreements and 26 Mineral Processing applications;

WHEREAS, there have been various complaints regarding proper compliance by these mining permit grantees of the Philippine Mining Act of 1995 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations especially the environmental safeguards provided therein;

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised regarding the non-implementation of certain provisions of both the Philippine Mining Act of 1995 particularly its environmental safeguards as well as its penal provisions in cases of violation of mining permit grantee's Environmental Compliance Certificate;


WHEREAS, concerns have been raised that the estimated income and benefits to be generated by the government from the mining sector are unrealistic;

WHEREAS, fears have been raised that the communities in a mining area have been subjected only to the damaging effects of mining and none of the intended benefits for them under the Philippine Mining Act;

WHEREAS, there is a need to assess the status of mining activities in the country and how they affect the community, the health and way of living of the people, the environment, and the economy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines direct the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources to investigate, in aid of legislation, the status of the implementation of Republic Act No. 7942 otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995.

Adopted.


COMPANERA PIA S. CAYETANO
SENATOR