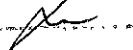


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS TO INQUIRE, LOOK INTO AND INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION THE PROLIFERATION OF FRATERNITY HAZINGS IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS AND SIMILAR GROUPS WHICH RESULTED TO SERIOUS INJURIES AND DEATHS OF NEOPHYTES UNDERGOING INITIATIONS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF DETERMINING IF THERE IS LAXITY IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF REPUBLIC ACT 8049 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-HAZING LAW

WHEREAS, RA 8049 or the "Anti Hazing Law" was passed into law in 1995 as a result of the controversial death of a freshman law student of the Ateneo de Manila Law School, who died after going through rigid initiation rights of the Aquila Legis fraternity;

WHEREAS, the penalties to be imposed on fraternity officials and members who participated in hazing ranges from prison correccional in its maximum period to reclusion perpetua depending on the degree of infliction to the person subjected to the initiation rights;

WHEREAS, it shall be recalled that as an aftermath of the aforementioned fatal initiation rights; different fraternities, sororities and other student organizations forged an undertaking before the Senate, giving their respective commitments to use community service as an alternative to hazing as part of their initiation activities;

WHEREAS, inspite of the harshness of the law, cases of hazing related deaths and serious physical injuries particularly on student fraternity neophytes have been continuously recorded;

WHEREAS, last August 27, 2007; Public Administration graduating student Chris Anthony Mendez died minutes after he was brought to Veterans Memorial Medical Center, with bruises and deep swellings all over his body, allegedly after going through hazing rights by a fraternity in the University of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, it is wise that the Anti-Hazing Law be revisited and if possible, come-up with a comprehensive revision since it has evidently failed to stop hazing after twelve years of implementation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to direct the Committees on Justice and Human Rights and Public Order and Illegal Drugs to inquire, look into and investigate, in aid of legislation the proliferation of fraternity hazing in educational institutions, military organizations and similar groups which resulted to serious injuries and deaths of neophytes undergoing initiations, with the end in view of determining if there is laxity in the enforcement of Republic Act 8049 otherwise known as the anti-hazing law.

Adopted,

  
**Gregorio B. Honasan II**  
Senator