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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
STRICTER PROCEDURES IN APPROVING FINANCIAL AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE  
IN THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO)

WHEREAS, according to the 28 August 2006 issue of the *Philippine Star*, the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) reportedly busted a suspected crime group operating in the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) following the arrest of seven members during a series of operations;

WHEREAS, according to CIDG chief Jesus Verzosa, members of the suspected syndicate had allegedly been posing as indigent families and using fake documents to solicit charity funds from the PCSO;

WHEREAS, PCSO chair Rosario Uriarte reportedly said that the suspects, in connivance with PCSO personnel and employees of the East Avenue Medical Center and of other government and private hospitals, from which they were able to secure fake documents, were able to get financial assistance from PCSO;

WHEREAS, seized documents showed that two of the suspects, Nicomedes Cortez and Ernesto Bautista, reportedly cashed checks for P108,973.74 and P85,000 respectively, purportedly for chemotherapy expenses; clinical abstracts from the Perpetual Medical Center and the East Avenue Medical Center were also reportedly used in soliciting funds from the PCSO;

WHEREAS, according to CIDG-National Capital Region chief Senior Superintendent Asher Dolina, the suspects could reportedly be part of a bigger syndicate whose members pose as indigents in order to secure fake hospital abstracts of payments and use them to solicit financial and medical assistance from the PCSO; now be it

RESOLVED, that the proper Senate committee should conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the implementation of stricter procedures in approving financial and medical assistance in the PCSO.

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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