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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RISING INCIDENCE OF WORKERS' DEATH
DUE TO JOB-RELATED CAUSES

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 9 provides that "The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all";

WHEREAS, Article 13, Section 3 of the same further provides that "The State shall afford full protection to labor, local and overseas, organized and unorganized, and promote full employment and equality of employment opportunities for all";

WHEREAS, based on a recent study conducted by the International Labor Organization (ILO), work is taking its toll on some 2.2 million people worldwide who die annually from accidents and diseases related to their jobs;

WHEREAS, every year, an estimated 270 million people globally also suffer non-fatal, work-related accidents resulting in at least three days absence from work; an additional 160 million new people suffer from some work-related illness;

WHEREAS, according to ILO Director General Juan Somavia, millions of work related accidents, injury and disease annually take their toll on human lives, businesses, the economy, and the environment;

WHEREAS, there is still a solution to significantly reduce workplace illness and injuries by assessing risks and hazards, combating them at source and promoting a culture of prevention;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the government to take the initiative and undertake measures to manage risks in workplaces to reduce the human and economic burden of work-related accidents and diseases;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the rising incidence of workers' death due to job-related causes.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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