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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,  
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED DISTRIBUTION AND SALES IN  
THE PHILIPPINES OF DRUGS BANNED IN OTHER COUNTRIES

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 states that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, Article 13, Section 12 of the same provides, "The State shall establish and maintain an effective food and drug regulatory system and undertake appropriate health manpower development and research, responsive to the country's health needs and problems";

WHEREAS, the 16 June 2008 article of the *Philippine Star* reported that drugs banned in other countries are allegedly being sold in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Reps. Vincent Crisologo of Quezon City, Reno Lim of Albay and Elpidio Barzaga of Cavite took the initiative to investigate these reports since it was alleged that many doctors continue to prescribe drugs found to have harmful side effects on patients;

WHEREAS, Rep. Crisologo said that he received information on the continued sale of prescription and non prescription drugs that have been recalled, withdrawn or banned in the United States and other countries;

WHEREAS, according to Rep. Lim, medical professionals should not endorse banned products by the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD);

WHEREAS, endorsing banned products or those products suspected of having negative effects or no therapeutic value is deception;

WHEREAS, Rep. Barzaga claims that it is the BFAD's responsibility to see to it that doctor's heed its warning against the use of certain drugs;

WHEREAS, a resolution was filed in the lower house asking the health committee to inquire into the distribution of medicine suspected to have side effects far worse than the illness some products try to cure;

WHEREAS, the State should be concerned the Philippines has become a dumping ground of banned drugs, and more concerned that these drugs are peddled by some medical practitioners themselves;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the government take measures against those involved in the distribution of these banned drugs;

WHEREAS, the government should conduct a study and a release a list of banned drugs in the country and elsewhere, made known to the public;

WHEREAS, the State should protect the health of its constituents by creating and implementing proper and stricter measures that will prevent, prohibit and stop the distribution of banned drugs in the country;

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 alleged distribution and sales in the Philippines of drugs banned in other countries.

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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