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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

URGENT
RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2074, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CONSUMER FOOD SAFETY
ACT OF 2008, TOWARD THE END THAT IT COULD BE PASSED IMMEDIATELY
BY THE SENATE

WHEREAS, on 8 February 2008, the undersigned author filed Senate Bill No. 2074, "An Act to Establish a Comprehensive Program to Ensure the Safety of Food Products Intended for Human Consumption;"

WHEREAS, the bill provides for a National Food Safety Program with the following elements: national system for registration and inspection of facilities and importers; oversight of process control in food processing facilities; enforcement of health-based standards for, among others, substances which may contaminate food; a sampling program; procedure and requirements to ensure the safety of imported food products; coordination with other agencies; national surveillance; public education and advisory programs; and implementation of a research program;

WHEREAS, the bill also provides for process controls to reduce the adulteration of food products;

WHEREAS, the bill also provides for an inspection system allowing frequent unannounced inspections of food processing and importing facilities;

WHEREAS, the bill provides for tolerances limiting the quantity of contaminants that, when found in food products, may render such products unsafe for human consumption;

WHEREAS, the bill provides for import requirements, such as inspection of imports, sampling, and other such procedures at the port of entry;

WHEREAS, the bill provides for health advisories from the health secretary, in consultation with the agriculture secretary, and the DENR secretary;

WHEREAS, the bill raises civil penalties up to ₱100,000 to be assessed by the health secretary for each violation of the act, and for each day, during which such act continues;

WHEREAS, the bill provides for whistleblower protection;

WHEREAS, the current China milk scandal makes imperative Senate action on the proposed Consumer Food Safety Act of 2008;

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Philippine Senate to direct the Committee on Health to conduct immediately a public hearing on this bill, submit the committee report to plenary session, and proceed to final voting on the measure.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO