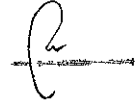


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P.S. Resolution No. **244**

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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND COMMERCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SYSTEM ON PATENT PROCESSING IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING MORE PATENT APPLICATIONS AND PROTECTING GENUINE FILIPINO INNOVATIONS

WHEREAS, Sec. 2. of Republic Act 8293 otherwise known as the Intellectual Property Code states that:

“The State recognizes that an effective intellectual and industrial property system is vital to the development of domestic and creative activity, facilitates transfer of technology, attracts foreign investments, and ensures market access for our products. It shall protect and secure the exclusive rights of scientists, inventors, artists and other gifted citizens to their intellectual property and creations, particularly when beneficial to the people, for such periods as provided in this Act”;

WHEREAS, it is recognized that protecting intellectual property promotes the diffusion of knowledge and information for the promotion of national development and progress and the common good;

WHEREAS, as a member of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, Philippine granted patents are accorded protection even beyond Philippine jurisdiction in other member countries of the treaty;

WHEREAS, in the last six years, only 96 Filipino inventions have been granted patents out of the 8,000 patents registered in the Philippine Intellectual Property Office;


WHEREAS, the Bureau of Patents identifies lack of knowledge on local patenting and the requirements for patenting as a factor in the non-filing of application for patents for Filipino inventions;

WHEREAS, the low number of patent applications can be addressed by setting up a speedy and effective system of processing patents in order to protect filipino inventions from exploitation and preserved the ingenuity of filipino innovators and inventors, streamlining administrative procedures of registering patents will liberalize the registration on the transfer of technology and enhance the enforcement of intellectual property rights in the Philippines;

NOW, WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to direct the Senate Committee on Trade and Commerce and the

Committee on Science and Technology to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the system on patent processing in the Philippines for the purpose of encouraging more patent applications and protecting genuine filipino innovations.

Adopted,



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