

11 NOV 17 P5:37

SENATE

RECEIVED BY: 2

P.S. Resolution No. 644

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR VILLAR

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND COMMERCE TO CONDUCT A STUDY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE TRADING, EXHIBITION AND PROMOTION OF PHILIPPINE MADE FIREWORKS AND OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICES, LOOK INTO MECHANISMS TO IMPROVE THE COMPETITIVENESS OF OUR PRODUCTS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF FURTHER STRENGTHENING CONSUMER PROTECTION BY ENSURING SAFE AND QUALITY PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, Article 2 of Republic Act No. 7394 otherwise known as the “Consumer Act of the Philippines” provides:

Art. 2. Declaration of Basic Policy. - It is the policy of the State to protect the interests of the consumer, promote his general welfare and to establish standards of conduct for business and industry. Towards this end, the State shall implement measures to achieve the following objectives:

- (a) protection against hazards to health and safety;*
- (b) protection against deceptive, unfair and unconscionable sales acts and practices;*
- (c) provision of information and education to facilitate sound choice and the proper exercise of rights by the consumer;*
- (d) provision of adequate rights and means of redress; and*
- (e) involvement of consumer representatives in the formulation of social and economic policies.;*

WHEREAS, the use of fire crackers and fireworks has now become a part of our culture, as with the majority of the world, we have adopted the use of fireworks and other pyrotechnics in ushering in the New Year and in celebrating auspicious occasions;

WHEREAS, in fact, various shows involving the use of fire works now abound, this is very evident in the rise of several international competitions involving pyrotechnics being held in the country;

WHEREAS, the popularity of fireworks has lead to the development of several areas of the country a fireworks manufacturing centers, notably the province of Bulacan is of national renown as the source of the fireworks that abound during the Christmas and New Year holiday celebration;

WHEREAS, however, despite the creativeness and popularity locally made fireworks, the pyrotechnic industry only has a few manufacturers whose products can compete with pyrotechnics coming from other countries;

WHEREAS, the sad fact is that most products are being manufactured manually in crude and unsupervised manner which makes it difficult for government agencies to ensure their quality and safety;

WHEREAS, furthermore, trading and selling of fireworks are often done in the streets with the products exposed to the elements, this and other practices further endanger the consumer as the quality and safety of the items on sale become even more dubious;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a policy to help the pyrotechnic industry in ensuring the competitiveness of their products and to come up with mechanisms to further protect the end user, whose health and safety is at risk at the lighting of each and every fuse.

NOW WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to direct the Committee on Trade and Commerce to conduct a study, in aid of legislation, on the trading, exhibition and promotion of Philippine made fireworks and other pyrotechnic devices, look into mechanisms to improve the competitiveness of our products with the end in view of further strengthening consumer protection by ensuring safe and quality products

Adopted,


MANNY VILLAR