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SENATE

P.S. Resolution No. 686

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR VILLAR

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE REPORTED MODUS OF DRUG SYNDICATES IN USING HOUSES IN EXCLUSIVE AND GATED VILLAGES AND SUBDIVISIONS FOR THE MANUFACTURE AND STORAGE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS AND OTHER PARAPHERNALIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING OUR PRESENT DRUG ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM BY STRENGTHENING FURTHER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002

WHEREAS, Section 13 and 15 of Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that:

"Section 13. The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs."

"Section 15. The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.";

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9165 otherwise known as the COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002 declares it the policy of the State:

"Section 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to safeguard the integrity of its territory and the well-being of its citizenry particularly the youth, from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs on their physical and mental well-being, and to defend the same against acts or omissions detrimental to their development and preservation. In view of the foregoing, the State needs to enhance further the efficacy of the law against dangerous drugs, it being one of today's more serious social ills.";

WHEREAS, a recent raid conducted by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency in Ayala-Alabang Village in Muntinlupa, resulted in the discovery of a shabu laboratory and the arrest of five Chinese nationals;

WHEREAS, inside the house were found shabu finished products, controlled drug precursors, and essential chemicals and laboratory equipments;

WHEREAS, in a news report of the Philippine Daily Inquirer dated January 12, 2012 it was declared by Evangeline Almenario, Public Information Chief of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency that:

“Based on our initial assessment, they were medium-scale clandestine laboratories, but we are still investigating how big exactly the operation was. An inventory of the drug evidence is ongoing,”;

WHEREAS, the existence of these laboratories in exclusive and gated villages makes it easier to hide the operations of these drug syndicates from the government operatives, a convenient cover for illicit operations;

WHEREAS, the fact that these properties were rented from private corporations and individuals who are members of the respective homeowners associations shows a need to revisit the security protocols and homeowners association guidelines of these exclusive villages;

WHEREAS, the greater good and the general welfare of our people require appropriate legislative action in order to put a stop to this modus adopted by the drug syndicates and at the same time inquire into the possible liability of private individuals and corporations who profit from the renting out of their properties to these manufacturers of illegal drugs;

NOW WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to direct the Senate Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs to conduct an investigation in aid of legislation on the reported modus of drug syndicates in using houses in exclusive and gated villages and subdivisions for the manufacture and storage of illegal drugs and other paraphernalia for the purpose of improving our present drug enforcement system by strengthening further Republic Act No. 9165 otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

Adopted,


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