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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED RISE OF CRIMES INVOLVING
SUSPECTS RIDING ON MOTORCYCLES

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 10 states, "The State shall promote social justice in all phases of national development";

WHEREAS, various news outfits reported that according to the Philippine National Police, there is a rise in the number of crimes, such as theft and murder, committed by suspects riding on motorcycles;

WHEREAS, according to reports, it has been a modus operandi of these criminals to act in pairs, such that the person riding at the back of the motorcycle executes the main task of either robbing or killing another person;

WHEREAS, it has become difficult for the police to catch these criminals because their helmets allegedly mask their identities, and because motorcycles could easily pass between narrow roads;

WHEREAS, the local government unit of Manila is studying the issuance of an ordinance prohibiting two people riding on the same motorcycle;

WHEREAS, there are complaints that such an issuance is not just anti-poor, but also violates the right of people be equally protected under the laws;

WHEREAS, in light of such reports, the legislature should study the creation of measures that will curb the rising incidence of crimes involving suspects riding on motorcycles, without violating the people's rights to fully use their properties without encumbrance;

WHEREAS, it was suggested that heavily tinted motorcycle helmets should be disallowed and plate numbers of the motorcycles should be painted or shown on more conspicuous areas of the motorbike;

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 reported rise of crimes involving suspects riding on motorcycles.

Adopted,

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