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RESOLUTION

**REQUESTING THE HONORABLE SUPREME COURT TO CONSIDER THE
ISSUANCE OF RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE PRESENTATION AND
ADMISSION OF THE RESULTS OF SNIFFING BY TRAINED K-9 DOGS AND THE
SWABBING OF DRUG SAMPLES AS COMPETENT EVIDENCE IN DRUG CASES**

WHEREAS, there is a recognized proliferation of drug and drug-related cases in the nation's trial court system;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the seriousness of these cases, they can drag and pend for some time to add more burden to the already clogged court dockets;

WHEREAS, it is conceivable that a significant number of these cases fail in prosecution not only because of mishandled evidence, but also because of insufficiency of evidence;

WHEREAS, our law enforcement authorities and agents have extensively used and continue to use trained K-9 dogs and swabbing of samples to detect drugs and even their residue;

WHEREAS, it is reported, on the other hand, that the results of sniffing by trained K-9 dogs and swabbing of samples are not yet accepted as competent evidence in courts;

WHEREAS, these types of evidence, if accepted or admitted, may significantly support and strengthen the prosecution of drug and drug-related cases;

WHEREAS, the Constitution of our Republic gives to the Honorable Supreme Court the responsibility of issuing rules of procedure for the presentation and admission of particular types of evidence as part of pleading and practice;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to request the Honorable Supreme Court to consider the issuance of Rules of Procedure for the presentation and admission of the results of sniffing by trained K-9 dogs and the swabbing of drug samples as competent evidence in drug cases.

Adopted,

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