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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, IN THE PROCUREMENT OF DRUGS AND MEDICINES NEARING EXPIRY AND ITS DELAYED DISTRIBUTION TO PUBLIC HOSPITALS NATIONWIDE

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution in no uncertain terms lays down the national health policy of our country in this manner: “The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.”

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations implementing RA 9184 (Government Procurement Act) substantially provides that “All procurement shall be within the approved budget of the procuring entity and should be meticulously and judiciously planned by the procuring entity. Consistent with government fiscal discipline measures, only those considered crucial to the efficient discharge of governmental functions shall be included in the Annual Procurement Plan (APP). For purposes of this IRR, a procurement project shall be considered crucial to the efficient discharge of governmental functions if it is required for the day-to-day operations or is in pursuit of the principal mandate of the procuring entity concerned.”

WHEREAS, The Commission of Audit (COA) released an audit report finding the Department of Health (DOH) procurement of Drugs and Medicines amounting to ₱367.158 million were found to be nearing expiry thus, has exposed these inventories for distribution to the risk of expiration before it reaches the intended beneficiaries, affecting the immediate and maximum use of said medicines, increasing the probability of losing their efficacy, slow delivery of health care goods to the intended beneficiaries and the possibility of resulting in wastage of government funds.

WHEREAS, there is a need to look into the policies of DOH it its determination of which drugs and medicines are needed basing on population and allocated budget.

WHEREAS, there is a need to inquire into and safeguard the budget of DOH as it is essential to secure that all public hospitals are equipped with necessary drug, medicines and equipment’s.

WHEREAS, there is an overwhelming need to determine the procedure undertaken and reasons that delayed the distribution of drugs and medicines to public hospitals nationwide.
BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Committee on Health and
other appropriate Committees in the House of Representatives to immediately conduct an
investigation in aid of legislation on the above mentioned issues and circumstance in order to explore
and adopt efficient procurement of drugs and medicine by the Department of Health, and to come out
with the necessary legislation for this purpose.

Adopted,

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