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Introduced by
ANAKALUSUGAN PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION
BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE REPORTED PHP18 BILLION WORTH OF
UNUSED MEDICINES LEFT IN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) WAREHOUSES

WHEREAS, Article 2 Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution states that “**The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people** and instill health consciousness among them;”

WHEREAS, the Constitution further adds that “...the State adopts and implements a policy of full public disclosure of all its transactions involving public interest.”¹

WHEREAS, various news sources quoted a Commission on Audit report which stated that “the DOH, as of December 31, 2018, has P18.449 billion worth of medicine purchased from 2015 to 2018 which have yet to be distributed to government hospitals health centers and other government facilities.”²

WHEREAS, the COA report adds that P294.767 million worth of drugs which remain in the DOH warehouses were found to be nearing expiration as of 31 January 2019, increasing the probability of losing their efficacy.³

WHEREAS, COA also said P19.165 million worth of drugs procured by the DOH Central Office which were distributed to the hospitals, centers and health facilities were also found to be nearing expiration as they were distributed less than one year before expiration.

WHEREAS, various news report disclosed that said COA also said “P19.165 million worth of drugs procured by the DOH Central Office which were distributed to the hospitals, centers and health facilities were also found to be nearing expiration as they were distributed less than one year before expiration.”⁴

¹ Article 2 Section 28 of the 1987 Constitution

² <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2019/07/25/1937710/coa-flags-doh-over-poor-distribution-medicine>

³ Id.

⁴ Id.

WHEREAS, the most disturbing conclusion from the report was that “P30.353 million worth of medicine distributed to the hospitals, centers and health facilities have already expired as of December 2018.”⁵

WHEREAS, the procurement of large batches of medicine which are subsequently unused or distributed near their expiration dates exposes our citizenry to many public health issues;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Committee on Health of the House of Representatives investigate, in aid of legislation, the PhP18 Billion Worth of Medicine which were left unused in Department of Health warehouses.

Adopted,



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⁵ Id.