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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 146

Introduced by RAM Party-list REPRESENTATIVE ALOYSIA T. LIM

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE
PROLIFERATION OF COUNTERFEIT MEDICINES IN THE COUNTRY**

WHEREAS, it is a policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them (**ART. II Sec. 15**);

WHEREAS, to safeguard the health of the people against counterfeit drugs, **Republic Act 8203** known as Special Law on Counterfeit Drugs was enacted, defining prohibited and unlawful acts relative thereto and providing penalties thereof;

WHEREAS, counterfeiting of goods and medicines is one of the major transnational organized criminal activities in Southeast Asia;

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2019, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) released a report, "Transnational Organized Crime in Southeast Asia: Evolution, Growth and Impact" indicating that the Philippines tops all countries in Southeast Asia with the highest incidence of falsified medicines;

WHEREAS, the Pharmaceutical Security Institute data show that Pakistan, India and China were the three (3) leading source countries of counterfeit or diverted medicines detected in the Philippines from 2013 to 2017;

WHEREAS, PSI data indicate that the Philippines was the source of counterfeit or diverted medicines detected in the United States, Japan, and Germany;

WHEREAS, the UNODC report indicate that based on the database of the PSI, the genito-urinary therapeutic drugs, central nervous system (CNS) drugs and anti-infectives were most frequently counterfeited; while cardiovascular drugs, CNS drugs, and alimentary and metabolism drugs were most illicitly diverted to other countries;

WHEREAS, counterfeited or falsified over-the-counter medicines, anti-tuberculosis drugs, anti-rabies drugs and fake paracetamol have been a growing concern of the Philippines in 2018, according to the Food and Drug Administration;

WHEREAS, falsified medicines have proliferated and have saturated the Philippine pharmaceutical market without the knowledge of our people thus, exposing them to health risks and danger.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT A PROPER HOUSE COMMITTEE BE DIRECTED TO CONDUCT AN URGENT AND EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE TRANSNATIONAL CRIME OF COUNTERFEIT MEDICINES IN THE COUNTRY.

Adopted.


ALOYSIA T. LIM