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Introduced by Representative **MAGTANGGOL T. GUNIGUNDO I**

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**A RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND  
EMPLOYMENT TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN  
AID OF LEGISLATION, TO LOOK INTO THE  
FRAMEWORK, PROGRAMS AND VISION OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT,  
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION,  
PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY COMMISSION, BOARD  
OF NURSING AND OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES IN  
PROVIDING JOBS TO THE NURSES WHICH CAN NOT  
BE ACCOMODATED BY EXISTING HEALTH  
PROVIDERS AND THOSE WHICH ARE BOARD  
FLUNKERS.**

**WHEREAS**, the state affirms labor as the primary social economic force and swears to protect the rights of workers and promote their welfare under Article II, Sec. 18 of the 1987 Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, from 1981 until 1988, there were 125 to 128 schools that offered Bachelor of Science In Nursing courses all over the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, in 2004, the number rose to 360 schools and to this date, the number escalated to 450 schools;

**WHEREAS**, during the school year 2001-2002, there were about 53,390 nursing students who enrolled and 5 years later, there were 405,000 nursing students;

**WHEREAS**, the passing rate for the board examinations in 1981 to 1988 was 62% and but this dropped to 48% between 2002 until 2006;

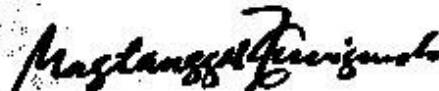
**WHEREAS**, not all of these board passers can be absorbed by the existing health service providers in the country;

**WHEREAS**, a big chunk of this figure desires to seek greener pasture abroad but cannot qualify for jobs abroad due to lack of work experience;

**WHEREAS**, this oversupply of nurses has caused an unusual situation that requires government intervention;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the House of Representatives, to urge the Committee on Labor and Employment to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, to look into the framework, programs and vision that the Department of Labor and Employment, CHED, PRC, Board of Nursing and other concerned agencies in providing jobs to the more than 200,000 nursing graduates who were not able to pass the licensure examinations and those who are board passers but can not be accommodated by the existing health service providers.

*Adopted,*



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