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Introduced by **REP. CESAR V. SARMIENTO**

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**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD, MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY, OFFICE OF TRANSPORT SECURITY, LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO INTENSIFY AND COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS TO SUPPRESS THE TRAFFICKING OF ILLEGAL DRUGS WITHIN THE COUNTRY**

**WHEREAS**, last 26 November 2016, the authorities seized a “shabu” lab posing to be a warehouse in a small island province particularly in Barangay Palta, Virac, Catanduanes wherein several apparatus and chemicals principally used for the manufacture of methamphetamine were also found;

**WHEREAS**, there is a great possibility that island provinces across the Philippines are being used to serve as locations for “shabu” labs and/or “jump-off” point for the distribution of illegal drugs for being relatively secluded and/or strategically located;

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations’ World Drug Report 2016 has concluded that the onset of globalization has not only promoted economic development but has indirectly allowed ease in the proliferation of smuggling illegal drugs across countries;

**WHEREAS**, the smuggling of illegal drugs belongs to the supply side of the illegal drug trade issue and is by nature, a logistics and transport issue;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Coast Guard, Maritime Industry Authority, the Office of Transport Security, the Land Transportation Office, the Land Transport Franchising and Regulatory Board and other transport agencies under the direct control and/or supervision of the Department of Transportation, by the very nature of their roles in regulating logistics and the entry and the transport of goods, all occupy a special role in the illegal drugs problem by serving as the Philippines’ first line of defense against the entry of illegal drugs in the country;

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent necessity for the aforementioned transport agencies to carefully assess and review their respective present policies and measures taken with regard to the distribution, proliferation and transport of illegal drugs as well as the equipment and the principal components used for the manufacture thereof;

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need for the aforementioned transport agencies to coordinate with each other and with the Philippine and to amplify the country's noble fight against proliferation of illegal drugs and/or the principal components used for the manufacture thereof at the soonest time possible.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT**, the government agencies charged to oversee, regulate, and/or supervise logistics and the transport of goods in the Philippines and/or have functions related thereto including but not limited to the Philippine Coast Guard, Maritime Industry Authority, the Office of Transport Security, the Land Transportation Office and other transport agencies under the direct control and/or supervision of the Department of Transportation: (a) review the existing policies of the transport agencies with regard to the distribution, proliferation and/or transport of illegal drugs and/or principal components used for the manufacturing thereof; (b) to intensify the conduct of monitoring and inspection of the proliferation of illegal drugs and/or the principal components used for the manufacture thereof at the soonest time possible; and (c) to coordinate the efforts of the aforementioned transport agencies to prevent the proliferation of the illegal drugs.

**RESOLVED FINALLY THAT**, the Committee on Transportation immediately conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, with regard to the policies, measures taken by and/or the plan/s of the government transport agencies charged with the distribution, proliferation and transport of illegal drugs as well as the equipment and the principal components used for the manufacture thereof, including but not limited to the Department of Transportation, the Philippine Coast Guard, Maritime Industry Authority, the Office of Transport Security, the Land Transportation Office and other transport agencies.

Approved.



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