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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 1742**



**Introduced by Representatives :** HON. EUGENE DE VERA, HON. CARLOS UYBARRETA, HON. RICARDO BELMONTE, HON. TEODORO MONTORO, HON. AURELIO "DONG" GONZALES, HON. RON SALO, HON. ORESTES SALON, HON. VIRGILIO LACSON, HON. ENRICO PINEDA, HON. MICHAEL ROMERO, HON. TOM VILLARIN, HON. JUAN PABLO BONDOC, HON. ANTHONY BRAVO, HON. ANICETO BERTIZ, HON. SALVADOR BELARO JR., HON. MANUEL LUIS LOPEZ, HON. CHRISTOPHER CO, HON. JOSE PANGANIBAN JR, HON. MANUEL JOSE DALIPE, HON. ARNOLFO TEVES, JR., HON. ARTHUR DEFENSOR, HON. ALFREDO GARBIN, JR.

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT INQUIRY AND/OR INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ANOMALOUS SUPPLY AND DELIVERY AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY DUTY FREE PHILIPPINES CORPORATION (DFPC) WITHOUT UNDERGOING THE REQUIRED PUBLIC BIDDING, AS WELL AS THE HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS AND IRREGULAR EXTENSIONS OF THE TERMS OF THESE CONTRACTS, THREE (3) YEARS PRIOR TO THEIR RESPECTIVE EXPIRATIONS, IN AN APPARENT CASE OF MIDNIGHT DEALS BY THE PREVIOUS OFFICERS OF DFPC**

Whereas, it is the policy of the State to promote the ideals of good governance in all its branches, departments, agencies, subdivisions, and instrumentalities, including government-owned and/or -controlled corporations and local government units.

Whereas, Duty Free Philippines Corporation (DFPC) is a government owned and controlled corporation created under Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as the "Tourism Act of 2009";

Whereas, DFPC, as a government owned and controlled corporation, is subject to the provisions of Republic Act 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act", and its implementing rules and regulation, which provided for the requirement of public bidding for all government projects;

Whereas, reports were received that there were contracts entered into by DFPC that did not undergo the required public bidding process and therefore are grossly disadvantageous to the government;

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Whereas, most of these contracts were renewed in 2013 for a new term of up to the year 2018. Surprisingly, in 2015 the previous officers of DFPC again extended the term of these contracts, three (3) years prior to their respective expirations, for another five (5) years from 2018 or up to 2023;

Whereas, there is a need to address this issue to ensure that the government is not shortchanged by the contracts entered into by DFPC;

Whereas, there is no sufficient justification for the premature grant of extensions of these contracts which can be characterized as midnight deals of the previous officers of DFPC;

Whereas, there is a need to conduct an inquiry and/or investigation in aid of legislation to ascertain the necessary measures that are aimed at permanently preventing these issues from arising again in the future;

**NOW THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives to direct the proper Committee to conduct an inquiry and/or investigation in aid of legislation on the contracts entered into by Duty Free Philippines Corporation without undergoing the required public bidding.

Adopted,

  
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