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Introduced by the Honorable Precious Hipolito Castelo

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**A RESOLUTION**

**FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT CURSORY CHECK, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REAL CURRENT STATUS OF STEM CELL THERAPY IN THE PHILIPPINES, IF THERE ARE ALREADY EVIDENCE AND DATA TO PROVE THAT SUCH TREATMENTS WORK ON A PER DISEASE BASIS, ATTENDANT ETHICAL ISSUES SURROUNDING THIS REGENERATIVE MEDICINE (IF ANY), AND WHETHER CERTAIN REGULATIONS HAVE TO BE PRESCRIBED AGAINST STEM CELL BANK AND PROCEDURES AND/OR CLINICAL APPLICATIONS**

WHEREAS, certain well-known political personalities and show business celebrities are said to have availed of the benefits of this regenerative medicine called stem cell therapy for a variety of reasons, most of which as an anti-aging program to improve the quality of life, prevent disease and maintain wellness;

WHEREAS, with the latest discoveries in regenerative medicine, it would seem that life expectancy in dreaded conditions is held in abeyance, many illnesses are being treated with a wide range of treatments available through stem cell therapy thereby opening doors for certain concerns such as the apparently unregulated environment by which these stem cells are sourced or shipped and the procedures or clinical applications by which said "master cells" are being injected at cost ranging from P800,000 to a million or so;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and the Food & Drug Administration are the principal monitoring or regulatory agencies or government that should be directed to conduct cursory check on reports that patients no longer need to go to Villa Medica at Eden Koban near Frankfurt, Germany for this rejuvenation procedure inasmuch as there are doctors, medical practitioners or maybe health professionals who may administer the injections at aforementioned cost, thus making stem cell therapies as a profitable cottage industry possibly open to unregulated commercialization and medical malpractice of one form or another;

WHEREAS, even while there is already a reputable hospital into stem cell therapy such as the Medical City or the National Kidney & Transplant Institute and others, it is still of doubtful validity whether other hospitals or medical clinics can go into this regenerative medicine program with the full consent of DOH or the Food & Drug Administration and more importantly on the proper collection, banking, custody, transit, handling, processing, and administration and generation of these stem cells or master cells consistent with a plan of care suited for a patient and his or her medical circumstances;

WHEREAS, offhand, let the Department of Health be directed, in coordination with other related agencies (e.g. Department of Science & Technology) to conduct an evaluative study and come up with a scheme of accreditation on hospitals or medical clinics in terms of their facilities, laboratories, equipment, and their consultants into stem cell therapy or

personalized molecular medicine precisely to validate if this tissue engineering has already passed the required scientific tests and clinical trials or international benchmark and no longer a mere science fiction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to conduct cursory check, in aid of legislation, on the real current status of stem cell therapy in the Philippines, if there are already evidence and data to prove that such treatments work on a per disease basis, attendant ethical issues surrounding this regenerative medicine (if any), and whether certain regulations have to be prescribed against stem cell bank and procedures and/or clinical applications.

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