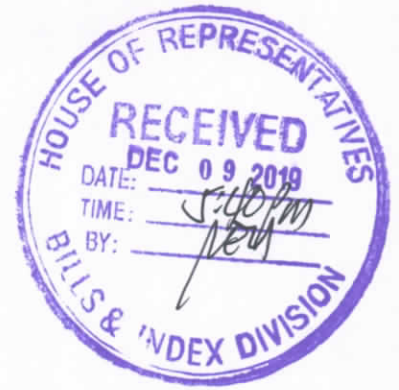


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 590



Introduced by Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento

**A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE MARITIME INDUSTRY
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
WITH THE STATUS OF THE COUNTRY'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE
EUROPEAN MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY FINDINGS**

WHEREAS, the Philippines, being an archipelago, relies on the maritime industry to transport people and goods, and to connect us with our immediate neighbors in Asia and with the rest of the world. The country also has over 700,000 maritime professionals, with 400,000 seafarers deployed in international seas;

WHEREAS, the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) is one of the European Union's decentralized agencies which aims to provide technical assistance and support to the European Commission and Member States in the development and implementation of EU legislation on maritime safety, pollution by ships and maritime security;

WHEREAS, the EMSA conducts regular audits to determine, in behalf of the members of the European Union, whether the Philippines in compliance with the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (SCTW) Convention. Compliance with the SCTW standards allows our seafarers to work on ships of other nations;

WHEREAS, being a member of the IMO Council and a party to the SCTW Convention, the country is obligated to demonstrate strict and full compliance with international maritime standards;

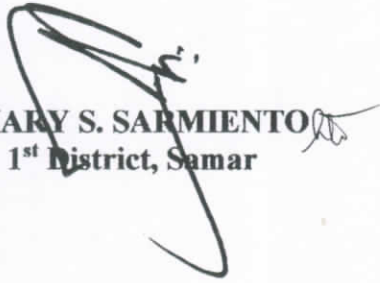
WHEREAS, the EMSA audit results last March 2019 indicated that the country needs to address several issues including compliance with the SCTW;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Executive Order No. 63 last September 21, 2018 to empower the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) in addressing the issues regarding the SCTW Convention;

WHEREAS, the results of the reevaluation of the country's compliance with the SCTW will be released by the first quarter of 2020;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives thru the House Committee on Transportation, to call on the Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of

Transportation, and the Maritime Industry Authority to provide the House of Representatives with the reports on the status of the country's compliance with the European Maritime Safety Agency findings and the actions undertaken to resolve the issues surrounding the findings.



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