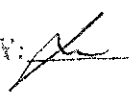


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RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND COMMERCE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RISE OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS FROM FIRECRACKER MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND RETAILERS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENFORCING STRICTER GUIDELINES TO REGULATE FIRECRACKER SALE AND ULTIMATELY MINIMIZE INJURIES DURING FESTIVITIES AND CELEBRATIONS

Whereas, Republic Act 7183 or the Firecrackers and Pyrotechnics Law was passed in 1992;

Whereas, Bocauc, a town in Bulacan, is considered the country's firecrackers capital;

Whereas, despite the Department of Health (DOH)'s all-out campaign against firecrackers, the industry continues to flourish in the country as evidenced by the increasing number of firecracker manufacturers, dealers and retailers seeking license from the Firearms and Explosives Office (FEO) of the Philippine National Police (PNP);¹

Whereas, the license, which costs about One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00), is valid for a month's operation;

Whereas, data from the PNP-FEO showed a total of 243 firecracker dealers as of December 9, 2010 from 11 posted just last November 30;

Whereas, records showed that Region 3 (Central Luzon) has the most number of registered manufacturers at thirty (30), while other regions nationwide have an average of one (1) to four (4) firecracker makers;

Whereas, the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of RA 7183 should be reviewed to give more teeth to the law, particularly on regulating firecracker sale to complement the government's efforts to minimize casualties during festivities when firecrackers are often used: Now therefore be it

¹ "Firecracker industry flourishes," <http://www.philstar.com/Article.aspx?articleId=638783&publicationSubCategoryId=63>