

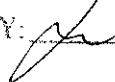
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RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, REVISION OF CODES AND LAWS AND JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDUCT A STUDY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE NEED TO REVISE OR AMEND OR TO FORMULATE A NEW PENAL CODE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ADVENT OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY, NEW JURISPRUDENCE AND GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

**WHEREAS**, the Revised Penal Code which took effect on 1 January 1932, supplanted the Spanish Penal Code which was in force from 1886 to 1931;

**WHEREAS**, the Revised Penal Code was drafted by a committee created in 1927, headed by Judge Anacleto Diaz. The revision of the old Penal Code included penal laws only insofar as they are related to the Spanish Penal Code, and not the codification of all penal laws in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, while the law underwent several amendments, not all criminal acts are penalized under the code such illegal possession of firearms, illegal drugs, plunder, money laundering which are covered by special penal laws, to name a few;

**WHEREAS**, the amendments done in the Revised Penal Code are not comprehensive, and it did not take into account the advent of high technology;

**WHEREAS**, at the time the Revised Penal Code was enacted in 1932, there were no cellular phones and internet that spawned a whole new classification of cyber crimes;

**WHEREAS**, due to changes in the nature and types of crimes generated by these technological innovations, and that most crimes or fraud are now aided by technological devices, there is a need to conduct a comprehensive review of the Revised Penal Code;

**WHEREAS**, recently, the Department of Justice initiated the conduct of a comprehensive review of the Revised Penal Code and created a Committee composed by a group of experts from the Supreme Court, Philippine National Police, National Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Immigration, Public Attorney's Office, Office of the Government Corporate Counsel, Office of the Solicitor General, Parole and Probation Administration and Land Registration Authority;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Senate of the Philippines, to urge the Senate Committees on, Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws and Justice and Human Rights, to conduct a study, in aid of legislation, on the need to revise or amend or to formulate a new penal code taking into account the advent of high technology, new jurisprudence and global development.

Adopted,



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