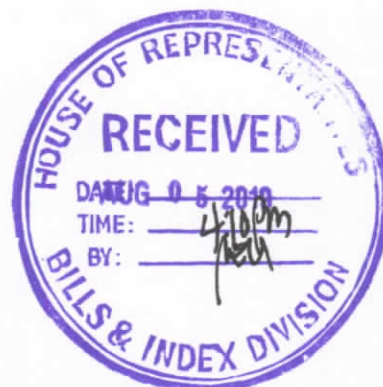


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. **184**



Introduced by Representative Florida P. Robes

**"A RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE CONDUCT OF INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION
ON THE CAUSES OF DELAY IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF AND DISPERSAL
OF MEDICINES AND RECOMMEND MEASURES FOR THEIR PROPER
WAREHOUSING, MONITORING AND IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION AND
PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR"**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21, Article VI of the Constitution, the House of Representatives or any of its committees, may conduct inquiries in aid of legislation. Such an inquiry shall aid the House of Representatives in providing measures to direct the timely delivery of basic services to the nation especially those in need, determining liabilities of officials who's causing the delay, and providing penalties therefor;

WHEREAS, legislators, including Congresswoman Florida "Rida" Robes had learned of her constituents' yearnings for medicines that are lacking in supply in public hospitals and health centers, hence, found it deplorable to know that there are medicines procured but were not made available to needy Filipinos, and worst, the same expired without even being distributed to those in need;

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Florida "Rida" Robes has been requested to champion this cause, that is, to ensure that basic needs specially that of the medicines be made easily accessible and affordable to needy Filipinos and assure the fast delivery of basic health services in her legislative district and to the nation as a whole;

WHEREAS, there is a necessity and propriety of the conduct of an inquiry by a Committee to determine the causes of delay in the distribution and dispersal of medicines amounting to 18.4 Billion pesos, procured by the Department of Health (DOH) in the period covered for the CY 2015 up to CY 2018;

WHEREAS, as reported by the Commission on Audit (COA), two percent (2%) of said medicines that are undistributed and being kept in the warehouses of the DOH, amounting to three hundred million (P300M) pesos, more or less, expired on January 31, 2019;

WHEREAS, from the reports given, there were medicines delivered, but which were already expired, or nearing expiration, hence, to the detriment of the Filipinos who are relying on the medicines to be provided in public hospitals and health centers, and do not have enough money to purchase on their own;

WHEREAS, there is a necessity of providing additional measures and/or procedures for proper warehousing, monitoring of the expiration and fast distribution of the medicines procured with the taxes paid by the people and make the same affordable and easily accessible to the needy Filipinos specially those who belong to the underprivileged sector who rely for cheap but equally effective medicines which are being distributed by public hospitals and health centers;

WHEREAS, if there are persons, whether civilians or public officials responsible for the delay or distribution of expired or nearing expiration medicines to the public, to provide penalties therefor

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives direct the appropriate committee to conduct an all-out investigation in aid of legislation on the COA-reported delay in the distribution and dispersal of medicines amounting to 18.4 Billion pesos, procured by the Department of Health (DOH) considering that the same, in our humble submission, is a circumstance of urgency and concerns highest importance and public necessity.

Adopted,



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