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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 670



Introduced by
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HOUSE RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO
INVESTIGATE THE DEATH OF ACTOR EDDIE GARCIA, AND CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY
AND HEALTH STANDARDS LAW IN THE MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT
INDUSTRIES

WHEREAS, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Law (RA 11058) mandates that every employer should provide workers a place of employment free from hazardous conditions and that workplaces should have safety officers and qualified occupational health personnel;

WHEREAS, the provisions of RA 11058 apply to all industries, establishments, projects, sites including PEZA establishments, and all other places where work is being undertaken in all branches of economic activity;

WHEREAS, Eduardo Verchez Garcia, known by his screen name Eddie Garcia, tripped and fell on an exposed cable wire while taping on set on June 8, 2019 for a GMA Network show;

WHEREAS, after Eddie Garcia was injured on set, no immediate first aid was given and he sustained a severe neck fracture and was in critical condition;

WHEREAS, Eddie Garcia's death on June 20, 2019 was allegedly due to succumbing to the injuries he received in the workplace;

WHEREAS, the investigations conducted by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) revealed that there was no safety officer present in the workplace at the time of the accident, nor was there any qualified occupational health personnel who could have provided first aid to Eddie Garcia;

48 **WHEREAS**, the lack of safety officers and occupational health personnel to provide medical
49 treatment to workers in the shooting location is in clear violation of Republic Act No. 11058
50 or the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Law;

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52 **WHEREAS**, the untimely and unfortunate death of veteran actor Eddie Garcia exposes the
53 vulnerability of ordinary talents and ordinary workers in the media and entertainment
54 industries to the failure of management to comply with occupational safety and health
55 standards;

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57 **WHEREAS**, workers in the media and entertainment industries should be afforded the same
58 protections given all employees under Philippine laws, and their employers should abide by
59 the safety standards and guidelines mandated by the State;

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61 **WHEREAS**, given the apparent lack of occupational safety and health standards in the media
62 and entertainment industry employees and the grave concern over the working conditions of
63 talents and crews, an inquiry is necessary on how the Department of Labor and Employment
64 (DOLE) enforcement workers monitor these workplaces;

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66 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the House
67 Committee on Labor and Employment to investigate the death of actor Eddie Garcia, and
68 conduct an inquiry into the implementation of the Occupational Safety and Health Standards
69 Law in the media and entertainment industries.

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