

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 253



Introduced by Representative Alfred Delos Santos

RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION TO CURB THE
PROLIFERATION OF COUNTERFEIT MEDICINES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **WHEREAS**, a study conducted by the United Nations Office on Drug and
2 Crime entitled "Transnational Organized Crime in Southeast Asia: Evolution,
3 Growth, and Impact" found that the Philippines, amongst Southeast Asian
4 countries, has the highest incidence of counterfeit medicine proliferation.

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6 **WHEREAS**, amongst the medicines cited to be frequently counterfeited range
7 from medicines for sensitive complications such as those affecting the urinary tract
8 and central nervous system, to over-the-counter drugs such as paracetamol, anti-
9 tuberculosis medicines and anti-rabies vaccines which see a higher frequency of
10 use.

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12 **WHEREAS**, the looming proliferation of counterfeit medicines are a danger
13 to public health and safety especially to Filipinos who live in the provinces and opt
14 to buy cheaper medicines in the market.

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16 **WHEREAS**, addressing the problem would require the coordinated efforts
17 from various agencies from all over government to sufficiently address halt the
18 supply chain of counterfeit medicines.

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20 **WHEREAS**, piecemeal administrative issuances may not adequately address
21 this societal problem.

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23 **WHEREAS**, it is the mandate of the State to protect and promote the right to
24 health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

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26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives,
27 through the appropriate committee, conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation with the
28 participation of all the relevant agencies in order to create a stable and holistic legal
29 framework to effectively address this massive problem of counterfeit drugs.
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