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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON A REPORT CLAIMING THAT SCALPERS HAVE PROLIFERATED IN THE PORTS OF CAGAYAN DE ORO

WHEREAS, the Constitution Article 2, Section 27 provides: "The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption";

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7394, otherwise known as the Consumer Act of the Philippines, declares that "it is the policy of the State to protect the interest of consumers, promote their general welfare and to establish standards of conduct for business and industry";

WHEREAS, *Sunstar Cagayan de Oro* online, in its 2 May 2014 issue, reportedly said that scalpers are victimizing Bohol-bound travelers, persuading them that tickets are running out, leaving the passengers without choice but to buy the overpriced ticket;

WHEREAS, Jonathan Saliring, head of the Terminal Operations Office of the Philippine Port Authority (PPA), alleged that such cases are nothing new, adding that they cannot be completely eradicated;

WHEREAS, there is a need to eradicate these unscrupulous activity for the safety of the riding public, the Department of Transportation, the PPA and other government agencies mandated by law to regulate and enforce laws relating to passenger safety should not be rendered helpless in solving this problem;

WHEREAS, the fatalistic attitude of Saliring should not be emulated; instead, the PPA should intensify their operations against scalpers lurking in Cagayan de Oro ports and other ports in the country;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on a report claiming that scalpers have proliferated in the ports of Cagayan de Oro.

Adopted,

MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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