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Introduced by SENATOR PIA S. CAYETANO

**A RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 51, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL CODE OF MARKETING OF BREASTMILK SUBSTITUTES, BREASTMILK SUPPLEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7600, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ROOMING-IN AND BREASTFEEDING ACT OF 1992 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10028, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED BREASTFEEDING PROMOTION ACT OF 2009**

**WHEREAS**, there is global evidence that good nutrition in the early months and years of life is vital in determining the health and survival of infants and children and their physical, intellectual and social development in all aspects of life;

**WHEREAS**, it is scientifically established that exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life and sustained breastfeeding up to two years is a critical factor in preventing infant and childhood morbidity and mortality;

**WHEREAS**, it is due to the foregoing reasons that E.O. No. 51, R.A. No. 7600 and R.A. No. 10028 were enacted on 20 October 1986, 02 June 1992 and 16 March 2010, respectively.

**WHEREAS**, despite existing laws and policies mandating all government agencies and private enterprises to encourage, promote and support breastfeeding as the normal, natural and preferred method of feeding infants and young children, there have been reported violations of the aforementioned laws by these institutions;

**WHEREAS**, there have been reports on continued violations of the aforesaid laws on the following:

- (1) non-establishment of lactation stations in numerous health and non-health facilities and establishments, and rampant direct or indirect promotion, marketing, and/or sales of infant formula and/or breastmilk substitutes in hospitals, other health facilities and private institutions;
- (2) non-observance of the compensable lactation breaks of nursing mothers in various employments; and
- (3) non-integration of breastfeeding education in the curricula of some schools at the elementary, high school and college levels;

**WHEREAS**, beyond the provision of physical facilities and structures in support of the practice of breastfeeding, all offices, whether government or private, must foster and embrace a culture of breastfeeding to give life to the purpose of the law;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, the Senate of the Philippines directs the Senate Committee on Health and Demography to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the implementation of Executive Order No. 51, otherwise known as The National Code of Marketing of

Breastmilk Substitutes, Breastmilk Supplements and Other Related Products, Republic Act No. 7600, otherwise known as The Rooming-in and Breastfeeding Act of 1992 and Republic Act No. 10028, otherwise known as The Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009.

*Adopted,*



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