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## RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RECURRENT DEATHS DUE TO HAZING OR OTHER INITIATION RITES WITH THE END VIEW OF AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8049 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-HAZING LAW

Whereas, the Anti-Hazing Law of 1995 prohibits physical violence during initiation rites of fraternities and similar organizations and penalizes with life imprisonment activities that result in "death, rape, sodomy or mutilation." Under the law, if the person subjected to hazing or other forms of initiation rites suffers any physical injury or dies as a result thereof, the officers and members of the fraternity, sorority or organization who actually participated in the infliction of physical harm shall be liable as principals;

Whereas, no hazing or initiation rites in any form or manner by a fraternity, sorority or organization shall be allowed without prior written notice to the school authorities or head of organization seven (7) days before the conduct of such initiation. The written notice shall indicate the period of initiation activities which shall not exceed three (3) days, shall include the names of those to be subjected to such activities, and shall further contain an undertaking that no physical violence be employed by anybody during such initiation rites;

Whereas, on July 2012, Marc Andre Marcos, a freshman law student at San Beda College, was apparently beaten to death in a suspected hazing ritual by the Lex Leonum fraternity. On the same year, Marvin Reglos, also freshman law student at San Beda College died due to injuries allegedly sustained during hazing rites of Lambda Rho Beta. On September 2011, Nor Silongan, 16, a criminology student at Notre Dame of Tacurong College, succumbed from injuries inflicted during hazing rites of Tau Gamma Phi. On October 2010, Noel Borja, 17, an Alternative Learning Systems student, was found stuffed inside a plastic drum by the Pasig River near the Parola compound in Binondo, Manila. On August 2010, the bruised body of 19-year-old EJ Karl Intia, a student of the University of Makati, was retrieved from a ravine in Sta. Maria, Laguna province, after undergoing initiation into Alpha Phi Omega;

Whereas, despite the express provisions of the Anti-Hazing Law, untimely and senseless deaths of neophytes occur almost every year. Another hazing death was reported last June 28, 2014. Guillo Cesar Servando, sophomore student of the De La Salle- College of St. Benilde, died due to severe beating allegedly inflicted by the members of Tau Gamma Phi fraternity during initiation rites of several neophytes;

**Whereas**, considering that there is a wanton disregard of the law, there is a need to review the provisions of the law in order to strengthen the regulation of the activities of fraternities and to effectively enforce the Anti-Hazing law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** as it is hereby resolved to direct the appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an investigation, on the recurrent deaths due to hazing or other initiation rites with the end view of amending the provision of Republic Act No. 8049 otherwise known as the Anti-Hazing Law.

Adopted,

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