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P.S. Res. No. 519

Introduced by
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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATION (BLUE RIBBON) TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED NUMEROUS VIOLATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3019 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT BY THE PREVIOUS BOARD OF THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO) WITH THE END VIEW OF CRAFTING LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO CURB CORRUPTION AND PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) is an agency that generates funds mainly for the purpose of health programs, medical assistance and services, and other charities of national character;

WHEREAS, the current administration of the PCSO discovered that the former President and her allies used the agency as their "milking cow," leaving the charitable institution with P4 billion in debts;

WHEREAS, PCSO Chair Margarita Juico said in news reports that former directors of PCSO "commingled" the PCSO funds for operating expenses with those for charity work- thus allowing the agency managers to spend more than what was provided for in their budget;

WHEREAS, the current PCSO leaders also allege that their former board members and top officials got *kickbacks* from media contracts and fictitious medical claims and hospital bills;

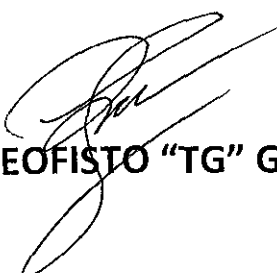
WHEREAS, Chair Juico alleges that there were checks issued to media block timers that found their way into the bank account of former PCSO Public Relation Manager Manuel Garcia;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to look into the alleged anomalous activities of the previous administration of PCSO; practices which were not in accord with the mandate of the institution;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the Senate Committee on Accountability of Public officers and Investigation (Blue Ribbon) and other appropriate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the alleged violations of Republic Act No. 3019 otherwise known as Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act by the former administration of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office with the end view of crafting legislative measures to curb corruption and promote transparency and accountability in the government.

Adopted,


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