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## SENATE BILLS

#### Senate Bill No. 1803

"AN ACT PENALIZING THE FAILURE TO REPORT ACTS OF HAZING, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8049"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

#### Senate Bill No. 1804

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FORENSIC DNA DATABANK"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1805

"AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 4 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS NATIONAL PET DAY"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE FILLING OF WATERWAYS IN THE CASE OF HOUSING PROJECTS"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement

#### Senate Bill No. 1807

"AN ACT PROVIDING A TAX CREDIT TO EMPLOYERS FOR THE COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING WELLNESS PROGRAMS"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; Ways and Means; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1808

"AN ACT PROVIDING PROGRAMS FOR BEACH MONITORING"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

#### Senate Bill No. 1809

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO AID VICTIMS OF ELDER ABUSE, AND PROVIDE TRAINING TO HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT PROFESSIONALS IN THE ASSISTANCE OF SUCH VICTIMS"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Finance

"AN ACT INTRODUCING EDUCATIONAL REFORMS AND SUPPORTING THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATIONAL REFORMS IN SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1811

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TEACHER CORPS PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN THE TEACHING PROFESSION"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1812

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT COUNCIL ON NUTRITION AND HEALTH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1813

"AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE, DELIVERY OR DISPOSITION OF ANY KIND OF FIREARM, AMMUNITION, OR EXPLOSIVES TO CERTAIN TYPES OF PERSONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION OF FAMILY PRIVACY"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations

#### Senate Bill No. 1815

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REDUCTION OF ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY, HIV RATES, AND OTHER SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1816

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF MUNICIPAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTERS FOR THE DEAF-MUTE AND BLIND CHILDREN APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts and Culture; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1817

"AN ACT TO MAKE ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY RULES AND SIGNS A SEPARATE SUBJECT AND COMPULSORY AT GRADE SIX AND FOURTH YEAR HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

"AN ACT CREATING THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ASSET MANAGEMENT COUNCIL"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Trade and Commerce

#### Senate Bill No. 1819

"AN ACT MERGING THE DOMESTIC AND INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION LAWS OF THE PHILIPPINES"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

#### Senate Bill No. 1820

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTON OF WAGES AND TIPS RECEIVED BY CERTAIN EMPLOYEES"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1821

"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WOMEN'S DESK IN ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Education, Arts and Culture

#### Senate Bill No. 1822

"AN ACT TO PRESCRIBE NUTRITION LABELING FOR FOODS"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Trade and Commerce; and Health and Demography

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF NANNY PLACEMENT OR EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

#### Senate Bill No. 1824

"AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF MICROBICIDES TO PREVENT SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1825

"AN ACT TO PROHIBIT IMPORTATION OR SHIPMENT OF MAMMALS, BIRDS, FISH (INCLUDING MOLLUSKS AND CRUSTACEA), AMPHIBIA, AND REPTILES, THAT MAY BE INJURIOUS TO THE PHILIPPINE ECOSYSTEM, PROVIDING PENALTIES AND EXCEPTIONS"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

#### Senate Bill No. 1826

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT RATING BOARD"

> Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

Referred to the Committee(s) on Public Information and Mass Media; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1827

"AN ACT TO SUPPORT BUSINESS INCUBATION IN ACADEMIC SETTINGS"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts and Culture; Trade and Commerce; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1828

"AN ACT IMPOSING CIVIL PENALTIES ON UNREASONABLE PRICE INCREASES FOR CRUDE OIL, RESIDUAL FUEL OIL, OR REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Energy; and Trade and Commerce

#### Senate Bill No. 1829

"AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF FRANKING PRIVILEGES BY THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Public Services

#### Senate Bill No. 1830

"AN ACT TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM FOODS THAT POSE A SIGNIFICANT CHOKING HAZARD"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Trade and Commerce

"AN ACT GRANTING OLD-AGE PENSION FOR LIFE TO SENIOR CITIZENS-RA 1616 RETIREES AS WELL AS SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THEIR SURVIVORS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 12 (C) OF COMMONWEALTH ACT 186, AS AMENDED"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Civil Service and Government Reorganization and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1832

"AN ACT TO MANDATE A COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FOR THE PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS INFECTION"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1833

"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE LEAVING OF CHILDREN UNATTENDED INSIDE MOTOR VEHICLES"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Public Services.

#### Senate Bill No. 1834

"AN ACT REQUIRING RETAIL FOOD STORES TO POST CONSPICUOUSLY NOTICES OF PACKAGING DATES FOR FRESH OR PROCESSED MEAT, SEAFOOD AND POULTRY"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Trade and Commerce

"AN ACT REQUIRING RESTAURANTS TO CONSPICUOUSLY POST MENUS INCLUDING THE PRICES OF ALL FOOD AVAILABLE THEREIN"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- > Referred to the Committee on Trade and Commerce

#### Senate Bill No. 1836

"AN ACT REQUIRING SPECIAL DRIVER'S EDUCATION FOR PROFESSIONAL AND TRUCK DRIVERS"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Public Services; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1837

"AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE PROPER LABELING OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS WHICH ACT ON THE BRAIN AND CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM SO AS TO IMPAIR DANGEROUSLY THE CONSUMER'S ABILITY TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN ACTIVITIES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREFOR"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Trade and Commerce; and Health and Demography

#### Senate Bill No. 1838

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, ALSO KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED, ARTICLE 186 ON MONOPOLIES AND COMBINATIONS IN RESTRAINT OF TRADE"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Trade and Commerce

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM REQUIRING GENERAL HOSPITALS WITH NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNITS TO OFFER VACCINES AGAINST INFLUENZA VIRUS TO CERTAIN PERSONS"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography

#### Senate Bill No. 1840

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ACT NO. 4103 ALSO KNOWN AS THE INDETERMINATE SENTENCE LAW, AS AMENDED"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

#### Senate Bill No. 1841

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DISCLOSURE OF FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS AND MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO CAMPUS BUILDINGS"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

#### Senate Bill No. 1842

"AN ACT AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, ALSO KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF 1988, ARTICLE 157 ON THE VALUE OF THE FAMILY HOME"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL POLLING PLACE FOR THE DISABLED AND THE ELDERLY"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

#### Senate Bill No. 1844

"AN ACT PROHIBITING EMPLOYERS, LABOR CONTRACTORS AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST ANY INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE OF AGE"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

#### Senate Bill No. 1845

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE, ARTICLE 1991, ON REPLACING THE WORD 'DEPOSITOR'S' WITH 'DEPOSITARY'S' IN ORDER FOR THE LAW TO REFLECT ITS INTENDED MEANING"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

#### Senate Bill No. 1846

"AN ACT PROVIDING GRANTS FOR THE TRAINING OF MEDICAL RESIDENTS IN PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE ON WOMEN'S HEALTH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; and Youth, Women and Family Relations

#### Senate Bill No. 1848

"AN ACT EXEMPTING THE BANK DEPOSITS OF SENIOR CITIZENS FROM THE TWENTY PERCENT (20%) WITHHOLDING TAX ON INTEREST INCOME, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Ways and Means; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

#### Senate Bill No. 1849

"AN ACT PROHIBITING PUBLIC OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM CHARGING TO THE GOVERNMENT THE SALARIES OF THEIR PERSONAL PRIVATE SECURITY GUARDS"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

#### Senate Bill No. 1850

"AN ACT AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, SECTION 97, ON CONDUCTING FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR THE ELECTORAL PROCESS, ENUMERATING PROHIBITED ACTS, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR PENALTIES"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; Public Information and Mass Media; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1852

"AN ACT PROHIBITING COURT ORDERS, WRITS AND INJUNCTIONS WHICH PREVENT MEDIA REPORTS AND COMMENTARIES ON, PUBLICATION OF, PROCEEDINGS SUB JUDICE, EXCEPT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Justice and Human Rights; and Public Information and Mass Media

#### Senate Bill No. 1853

"AN ACT PROHIBITING INTERNET GAMBLING"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports

#### Senate Bill No. 1854

"AN ACT TO BAN CERTAIN TRUCKS IN PARTICULAR HOURS OF THE DAY"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee Local Government

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7157, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE FOREIGN SERVICE ACT OF 1991', TITLE 111, SECTION 30, BY DELETING THE REQUIREMENT OF CONFIRMATION BY THE COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS OF FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS WHO JOIN THE FOREIGN SERVICE THROUGH LATERAL ENTRY"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- > Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

#### Senate Bill No. 1856

"AN ACT GRANTING GRANDPARENTS THE VISITATION RIGHTS OVER THEIR GRANDCHILDREN"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Youth, Women and Family

#### Senate Bill No. 1857

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ACTIVITIES RELATED TO WATER USE EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION TECHNOLOGIES AND PRACTICES"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Environment and Natural Resources; Science and Technology; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1858

"AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF VEHICLE THEFT ALARMS SYSTEMS"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Public Services

"AN ACT TO ENHANCE CITIZEN ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND SERVICES BY ESTABLISHING THAT GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ISSUED TO THE PUBLIC MUST BE WRITTEN CLEARLY AND IN PLAIN LANGUAGE"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1860

"AN ACT TO ENHANCE AND FURTHER RESEARCH INTO PARALYSIS AND TO IMPROVE REHABILITATION AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PERSONS LIVING WITH PARALYSIS AND OTHER PHYSICAL DISABILITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1861

"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF OVER-THE-COUNTER WEIGHT LOSS SUPPLEMENTS TO MINORS"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography

#### Senate Bill No. 1862

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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

Referred to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

#### Senate Bill No. 1863

"AN ACT AMENDING ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PENAL CODE, ARTICLES 171 AND 172, IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THE FALSIFICATION OF TORRENS CERTIFICATES OF TITLE"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Environment and Natural Resources; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

#### Senate Bill No. 1864

"AN ACT PROVIDING PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYEES COMPENSATORY TIME OFF; BIWEEKLY WORK SCHEDULES AND FLEXIBLE CREDIT HOURS"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

#### Senate Bill No. 1865

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SYNCHRONIZED ELECTION LAW OF 1991', ON THE PARTICULAR OFFICE WHERE CANDIDATES SHALL FILE THEIR STATEMENTS OF ELECTION CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES AND PROVIDING ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF SAID SECTION"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

"AN ACT SECURING THE PHILIPPINE'S BORDERS TO MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE THE PROHIBITION AGAINTS THE ENTRY OF ILLEGAL DRUGS INTO THE COUNTRY"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1867

"AN ACT AMENDING B.P. BLG. 881, ALSO KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE, SECTION 6, ON FAILURE OF ELECTIONS"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

#### Senate Bill No. 1868

"AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO.442 KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE, ARTICLE 280, TO CLARIFY THE INDICIA OF PROJECT EMPLOYMENT, REQUIREMENTS FOR REHIRING OF PROJECT EMPLOYEES, AND CONDITIONS FOR THEIR EMPLOYMENT AND TERMINATION"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

#### Senate Bill No. 1869

"AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO LEVY TAXES ON SAND, GRAVEL AND OTHER QUARRY RESOURCES AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 138 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160 ALSO KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

> Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

Referred to the Committee on Local Government

#### Senate Bill No. 1870

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF SAFETY STANDARDS FOR CHILD RESTRAINTS IN MOTOR VEHICLES AND REQUIRING THE USE OF SUCH RESTRAINTS BY CHILD PASSENGERS"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Public Services

#### Senate Bill No. 1871

"AN ACT TO PROTECT INDIVIDUALS FROM HAVING THEIR MONEY INVOLUNTARILY COLLECTED AND USED FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES BY A CORPORATION, ORGANIZATION OR GROUP"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

#### Senate Bill No. 1872

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING NATIONAL TEACHER ACADEMIES IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE ENTRY INTO THE TEACHING PROFESSION"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Education Arts and Culture; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1873

"AN ACT REQUIRING ADVERTISMENTS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BEAR HEALTH WARNINGS"

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; and Trade and Commerce

#### Senate Bill No. 1874

"AN ACT PRESCRIBING SCHOOL BUS SAFETY STANDARDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Public Services

#### Senate Bill No. 1875

"AN ACT RECOGNIZING BUSINESSES WHICH SHOW AN EXEMPLARY COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATING WITH SCHOOLS TO ENHANCE EDUCATORS' TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITIES AND TO MAKE EVERY STUDENT TECHNOLOGICALLY LITERATE"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

#### Senate Bill No. 1876

"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO ANALYZE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION REGARDING THE ADMISSIBILITY AND QUALITY OF TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES WITH EXPERTISE RELATING TO BATTERED WOMEN, AND TO DEVELOP AND DISSEMINATE TRAINING MATERIALS TO FACILITATE THE APPROPRIATE USE OF SUCH EXPERTS TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY IN CRIMINAL TRIALS OF BATTERED WOMEN, PARTICULARLY IN CASES INVOLVING INDIGENT WOMEN"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Youth, Women and Family Relations; Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 386, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE, ARTICLE 737, MAKING IT CONSISTENT WITH THE OTHER PROVISIONS ON DONATIONS"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

#### Senate Bill No. 1878

"AN ACT PROHIBITING GENDER DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISING"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

#### Senate Bill No. 1879

"AN ACT CLASSIFYING CYBERSEX OPERATIONS AS A FORM OF PROSTITUTION AND IMPOSING PENALTIES ON CYBERSEX DEN OPERATORS, PERSONNEL, AND PROTECTOR/ CODDLERS"

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago Referred to the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media

#### Senate Bill No. 1880

"AN ACT EXPANDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE SUGAR REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION (SRA) SUGAR BOARD, AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Agriculture and Food

"AN ACT REPEALING SECTION 781 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE, ON THE GROUND OF SUPERFLUITY"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

#### Senate Bill No. 1882

"AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE PREVALENCE AND ISSUES RELATED TO CONTAMINATION OF WORKERS' HOMES WITH HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS AND SUBSTANCES TRANSPORTED FROM THEIR WORKPLACE AND ISSUING REGULATIONS TO MITIGATE THE FUTURE CONTAMINATION OF WORKERS' HOMES"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1883

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WHISTLEBLOWER BILL OF RIGHTS"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

#### Senate Bill No. 1884

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ASSISTANCE"

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

Referred to the Committee(s) on Tourism; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1885

"AN ACT GRANTING DISCOUNTS TO UNDERPRIVILEGED COLLEGE STUDENTS ON BASIC AND EDUCATION SERVICES"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1886

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SAFE COSMETICS ACT"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; and Trade and Commerce

#### Senate Bill No. 1887

"AN ACT REQUIRING THE DESIGNATION OF THE SAFEST ROUTES FOR THE TRANSPORATATION OF HAZARDOUS AND NUCLEAR WASTES"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

#### Senate Bill No. 1888

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- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography

"AN ACT GRANTING INDIGENT BUT GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR CAPABILITIES"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts and Culture; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1890

"AN ACT DEFINING THE RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES OF PARTIES IN ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

#### Senate Bill No. 1891

"AN ACT PROTECTING CERTAIN TYPES OF MEDICAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AND A PATIENT"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography

#### Senate Bill No. 1892

"AN ACT CREATING PROGRAMS FOR INCARCERATED MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Justice and Human Rights; and Youth, Women and Family Relations

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SAFETY MEASURES FOR CULVERTS OR OTHER SIMILAR FLOOD OR DRAINAGE SYSTEMS MAINTAINED BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Public Works

#### Senate Bill No. 1894

"AN ACT PENALIZING PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WHO FAIL TO SECURE THEIR FIREARMS FROM BEING ACCESSED BY CHILDREN"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs

#### Senate Bill No. 1895

"AN ACT AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, ALSO KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, ARTICLES 221 AND 236"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

#### Senate Bill No. 1896

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE IDENTITY OF MILK AND REQUIRING THE LABELING THEREOF"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- > Referred to the Committee on Trade and Commerce

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1898

"AN ACT PROVIDING THE CIVIL LIABILITY OF DRUG DEALERS IN FAVOR OF PERSONS INJURED BY ILLEGAL DRUGS"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs

#### Senate Bill No. 1899

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROGRAMS TO FACILITATE A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THE INCIDENCE AND PREVALENCE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE THROUGH REDUCING THE DEMAND FOR ILLEGAL DRUGS AND THE INAPPROPRIATE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 1900

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ENVIRONMENTAL MARKETING CLAIMS MONITORING PROGRAM"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Trade and Commerce; and Finance

"AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION DESIGNED TO HELP ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION AVOID INVOLVEMENT WITH ILLEGAL DRUGS"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts and Culture; and Public Order and Illegal Drugs

#### Senate Bill No. 1902

"AN ACT EMPOWERING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY TO REGULATE ABUSIVE TELEMARKETING ACTIVITIES"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Trade and Commerce

#### Senate Bill No. 1903

"AN ACT REQUIRING COMPUTER EDUCATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

# PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTIONS

## **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 181**

"RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ANTI-BLINDNESS PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ADOPTING A NATIONAL FRAMEWORK TO ADDRESS PREVENTABLE BLINDNESS AND TO REINFORCE EYE HEALTH CARE IN THE COUNTRY"

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography

#### **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 182**

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO STRICTLY IMPLEMENT THE CODE ON SANITATION OF THE PHILIPPINES WITH REGARD TO THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST ON CONDUCTING AUTOPSIES IN THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE, AND DRAFT A LAW ADDRESSING THE NEED FOR MANDATORY AUTOPSY IN CERTAIN CASES"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography

#### **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 183**

"RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN AND RATIFY THE UNTIED NATION CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL PERSONS FROM ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES AND TRANSMIT IT TO THE SENATE FOR CONCURRENCE"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

## **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 184**

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FISCAL IMPRUDENCE AND VIOLATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT LAW COMMITTED BY SOME OFFICIALS OF THE

# METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACCORDING TO FINDINGS BY THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations; and Public Works

#### **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 185**

"RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS TO CELEBRATE THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH (150TH) BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. JOSE P. RIZAL"

- Introduced by Senator Francis Pangilinan
- Referred to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

#### **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 186**

"RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE MAGUINDANAO MASSACRE TRIAL SHOULD BE MADE PUBLIC THROUGH RADIO AND TELEVISION COVERAGE OF THE COURT PROCEEDINGS"

- > Introduced by Senator Francis Pangilinan
- Referred to the Committee on Rules

## **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 187**

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON) TO INQUIRE INTO AND INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE RECENT CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BY THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) WITH BAGGERWERKEN DE CLOEDT EN ZOON AMOUNTING TO PHP 18.7 BILLION FOR THE LAGUNA LAKE REHABILITATION PROJECT IN

# VIOLATION OF REPUBLIC ACT 9184 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT ACT"

- Introduced by Senator Teofisto "TG" Guingona III
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Accountability of Public Officers Investigation; and Environment and Natural Resources

#### **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 188**

"RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE DIRECTING THAT, IN CASES OF TERRORIST ATTACKS OR HOSTAGE-TAKING INCIDENTS, IT SHALL BE PART OF THE PROTOCOL AND TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT FOR MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS AND PERSONNEL TO REFRAIN FROM DOING LIVE INTERVIEWS OF THE TERRORIST OR HOSTAGE-TAKER WHILE THE INCIDENT IS IN PROGRESS"

- Introduced by Senator Vicente Sotto III
- Referred to the Committee on Rules

## **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 189**

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN THE HOUSING LOAN TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN THE PAG-IBIG FUND AND GLOBE ASIATIQUE REALTY HOLDINGS CORPORATION"

- > Introduced by Senator Sergio Osmeña III
- Referred to the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement

#### **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 190**

"RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT; AND FOREIGN RELATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF

LEGISLATION, ON THE PROCEDURES FOLLOWED BY THE DIPLOMATIC POSTS AND THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS LABOR OFFICES (POLO) IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWS) VIS-A-VIS THE RECENT REPORTED CASE OF ACID BURNING AND DEATH OF ROMILYN EROY-IBANEZ AND THE REPORTED ILL TREATMENT OF OFWS IN DISTRESS IN THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF RECOMMENDING MEANINGFUL AND HUMANE LEGISLATION FOR FILIPINO MIGRANT WORKERS"

- > Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Foreign Relations; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

#### **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 191**

"RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY THE BANNING OF MANUFACTURE, SALE AND IMPORTATION OF CADMIUM LADEN CHILDREN TOYS AND OTHER CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS WITH HIGH LEVEL OF TOXIC METALS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ELIMINATING HEALTH HAZARDOUS TOYS AVAILABLE IN THE PHILIPPINE MARKET"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Trade and Commerce; and Health and Demograhy

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As the bastion of democracy, its action is centered on consensus and consultation with the end purpose of serving the best interest of the Filipino people.

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