



Republic of the Philippines
QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City
20th City Council

PR20CC-350

33rd Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- **7165**, S-2017

A RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES, THROUGH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, TO AMEND THE LAW FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPOSING A STIFFER PENALTY FOR INDISCRIMINATE FIRING OF GUN.

Introduced by Councilor RANULFO Z. LUDOVICA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Lena Marie P. Juico, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Oliviere T. Belmonte, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Ramon P. Medalla, Estrella C. Valmocina, Roderick M. Paulate, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Marra C. Suntay, Hero Clarence M. Bautista, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Julianne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Marivic Co-Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Donato C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, guns, whether sold to private citizen or officially issued to law enforcer or government authority, is intended not to harm or kill people but only for self-defense or protecting innocent one from lawless elements;

WHEREAS, despite a law and stern warning from the Philippine National Police (PNP), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), and other government officials, indiscriminate firing of guns remains and, in fact, continues to proliferate not only during holiday revelries but even in other occasions or festivities;

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WHEREAS, *unmindful and indiscriminate firing of guns by the so-called "trigger happy" does not only terrify people, particularly those in the neighborhood, but endanger innocent lives;*

WHEREAS, *police and hospital records will show that every year there are fatalities, adults and children, due to indiscriminate firing of guns and the latest of which was the highly publicized 15-year-old Emilyn Villanueva Calano of Barangay San Agustin in Malabon who was hit by a stray bullet in the head while watching fireworks display and sending text messages on New Year's Eve outside their home. She fell into a coma and eventually died;*

WHEREAS, *under Article 155 of the Revised Penal Code, the act of firing a gun in the air is merely considered a case of "alarm and scandal" punishable by arresto menor (1 day to 30 days imprisonment) or a fine of P200.00 only. Thus, perpetrators are fearless in committing the crime;*

WHEREAS, *to quell this deadly habit of indiscriminate firing of gun, there is an imperative need to impose a rigid or inflexible punishment to the perpetrators, especially if he or she is a government functionary.*

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge the Congress of the Philippines, through the House of Representatives and the Senate, to amend the law for the purpose of imposing a stiffer penalty for indiscriminate firing of gun. *λ*


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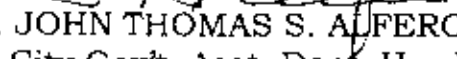
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RESOLVED, FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Offices of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate President for their information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED: July 3, 2017.

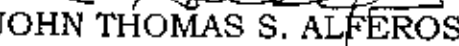

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on July 3, 2017 and was CONFIRMED on July 17, 2017.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

