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(City Council)

PR98-403

18th Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP 1067, S-98

A RESOLUTION URGING THE CENTRAL POLICE DISTRICT OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY (DPOS), TO STRICTLY ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF P.D. NO. 1563, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MENDICANCY LAW OF 1978.

Introduced by Councilor JESUS C. SUNTAY

Co-Introduced by Councilors Elizabeth A. Delarmente, George M. Canseco, Rommel R. Abesamis, Ma. Fresca M. Biglang-awa, Eric Z. Medina, Jorge L. Banal, Julian M.L. Coseteng, Michael F. Planas, Ramon G. Mathay and Alma F. Montilla.

WHEREAS, in the introduction of P.D. No. 1563, "Establishing an Integrated System for the Control and Eradication of Mendicancy, Providing Penalties, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes", it provides that "the promotion of social justice and protection of life, property and dignity of the citizenry is endangered by rampant mendicancy";

WHEREAS, mendicancy breeds crime, creates traffic hazards, endangers health, and exposes mendicants to indignities and degradation;

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to provide appropriate services to enable mendicants to meet their basic needs and develop self-reliance;

WHEREAS, a great number of mendicants are proliferating along Quezon City roads;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to enforce strictly the provisions of P.D. No. 1563 in time with the coming Christmas Season; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of P.D. No. 1563 provides:

"Apprehension of and Services for Persons Found Begging- Any infant or child 8 years old and below who is found begging or is being utilized by a mendicant for purposes of begging shall be apprehended as neglected child under Article 141 of PD No. 603 and shall be committed to the custody and care of the Department of Social Welfare and Development or to any duly licensed child placement agency or individual."

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Any minor over 9 years of age and under 15 found begging or is being utilized for purposes of begging and who acted without discernment shall be apprehended as a neglected child under Article 141 of PD 603 and shall be committed to the custody and care of the Department of Social Welfare and Development or to any duly licensed child placement agency or individual.

Any minor over 9 years of age and under 15 who is found begging or is being utilized for the purpose of begging and who acted with discernment shall be proceeded against in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3, Title VII of PD 603.

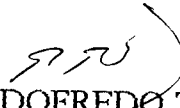
Any person not otherwise covered in the preceding paragraph of this Section who is found begging and who is physically or mentally incapable or mentally incapable of gainful occupation shall be provided the integrated package of services by the Department of Social Welfare and Development, the Welfare units of local government and other cooperating agencies."

NOW, THEREFORE,


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Central Police District Command of the Philippine National Police (PNP), in coordination with the Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS), to strictly enforce the provisions of P.D. No. 1563, otherwise known as the Mendicancy Law of 1978.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Central Police District Command and the Department of Public Order and Safety for immediate action.

ADOPTED : December 8, 1998.


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Majority Floor Leader
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED :


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

