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Senate Resolution No. 182

BY: Senator SERINO

PROVIDING for the Ethics and Internal Governance Committee to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding the arrest and filing of charges against Senator Luis R. Sepulveda with regard to an incident, which occurred on January 9, 2021

WHEREAS, On January 12, 2021, Senator Luis R. Sepulveda was arrested and charged with criminal obstruction of breathing. The arrest occurred after police responded to a domestic incident at the Senator's residence on January 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, A conviction for such misdemeanor offense does not result in the automatic forfeiture of office upon conviction under the Public Officers Law; and

WHEREAS, The seriousness of these domestic violence charges and the circumstances surrounding them warrant further investigation by the Senate, and may warrant the imposition of sanctions by the Senate; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That such committee is hereby authorized and directed, under Section 3 of Article VII of the Senate Rules to investigate the facts and circumstances relating to the arrest against Senator Sepulveda; and be it further

RESOLVED, That such committee shall ensure a full and fair investigation, ensure fairness in the hearing process, specifically providing Senator Sepulveda and his counsel with notice of all public committee proceedings, as well as ensuring opportunities for Senator Sepulveda to be heard; and be it further

RESOLVED, That such committee shall report to the Senate with its recommendations.