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Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to institutionalize the putting up of three sets of comfort rooms in every private and government institutions and establishments including schools in order to cater to the personal conveniences and needs of the public.

In case of failure to comply by the institutions and establishments, the bill likewise provides for the graduated penalty. Moreover, the bill grants incentives should the establishment comply with the provisions of the bill subject to certain conditions.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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**AN ACT
PRESCRIBING SANITATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OPERATION OF
ESTABLISHMENTS AND FACILITIES FOR THE PROTECTION AND
CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. It is the responsibility of Government to regulate the basic facilities for the health and convenience of the people. There is need of providing for adequate comfort rooms to cater to the comfort and personal conveniences and needs of the public.

SECTION 2. The State shall mandate every private and government institutions and establishments including schools to put up three sets of comfort rooms; one for gentlemen, one for ladies and another one which may be used by anyone from both sexes including persons with disabilities.

SECTION 3. All establishments covered by this Act are hereby given six (6) months from the promulgation within which to comply with the provisions thereof.

SECTION 4. Incentives. The expenses incurred by institutions and establishments in complying with the provisions of this Act, shall be deductible expenses for income tax purposes up to twice the actual amount incurred: Provided, That the deduction shall apply for the taxable period when the expenses were incurred: Provided, further, That the hospital shall comply with the provisions of this Act within six months after its promulgation.

Government institutions shall receive an additional appropriation which shall be included in their budget for the next fiscal year.

SECTION 5. Sanctions. - Any institution or establishment which unjustifiably refuses or fails to comply with this Act shall be imposed a fine of not less than fifty thousand pesos (Php 50,000.00) but not more than two hundred thousand pesos (Php 200,000.00) on the first offense.

On the second offense, a fine of not less than two hundred thousand pesos (Php 200,000.00) but not more than five hundred thousand pesos (Php 500,000.00).

On the third offense, a fine of not less than five hundred thousand pesos (Php 500,000.00) but not more than one million pesos (Php 1,000,000.00) and the cancellation or revocation of the business permits or licenses to operate.

SECTION 6. Rules and Regulations. - The Secretary of Health, in consultation with other government agencies, professional and non-government organizations concerned shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provision of this Act.

SECTION 7. All acts, laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause. - If any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this Act shall be declared to be invalid, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 9. Effectivity. - This Act take effect one hundred twenty (120) days after publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,