

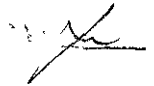
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Introduced by SENATOR MANNY VILLAR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed bill seeks to promote sanitary and health consciousness among dog owners and to instill in them the sense of responsibility in caring for their dogs. Dog feces carry bacteria that can cause diseases and illnesses.

It has been found that pet droppings can contribute to diseases animals pass to humans. When infected dog poop is deposited in a lawn, the eggs of certain roundworms and other parasites can linger in the soil for years. Anyone who comes into contact with that soil, be it through gardening, playing sports, walking barefoot or any other means, runs the risk of coming into contact with such eggs and cause sickness to humans.

The parasites that can be brought about by dog feces include Cryptosporidium, Giardia, Salmonella. It may also harbor hookworms, ringworms and tapeworms. Sickness that can be brought by dog feces, through said harmful organisms, includes fever, muscle aches, headache, vomiting, and diarrhea. Children are most susceptible, since they often play in the dirt and put things in their mouths or eyes.

Our Constitution provides for the right of the people to health and this right necessarily includes the responsibility of each Filipino to maintain cleanliness in their respective surroundings. This bill seeks to guarantee that public and private places will always be free from the feces of dogs and other pets.

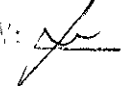
Approval of the bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
DIRECTING OR MANDATING THE IMMEDIATE CLEANING OR REMOVING OF FECES
OF DOGS AND OTHER PETS IN A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY NOT OWNED BY
THE OWNER OR PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE DOG OR PET AND IMPOSING
PENALTIES IN VIOLATION THEREOF

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

1 **Section 1. Short Title.** This Act shall be known as the "Pet Cleanliness Act".

2 **Section 2. Declaration of Policy.** The State shall protect and promote the right to
3 health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. The State shall protect
4 and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the
5 rhythm and harmony of nature.

6 **Section 3. Purpose of this Act.** This Act requires the immediate removal of feces of
7 dogs and other pets in any place, public or private not owned by the owner or person in
8 charge of the dog or other pet responsible for the defecation. If a dog or a pet defecates at
9 any time in any place, public or private not owned by the owner or person in charge of the
10 dog or pet at that time, and said owner or person fails to immediately remove the feces, said
11 owner or person commits a violation of this Act.

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13 **Section 4. Owner or Person in Charge of a Dog.** A person who has possession of a
14 dog or pet shall be deemed the owner or person in charge of the dog or other pet at any
15 time, unless at that time of the defecation, some other person is in charge of the dog or pet.
16 In the latter case, the person in charge of the dog or other pet at the time of the defecation
17 shall be deemed the person in charge.

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19 **Section 5. Removal of Feces.** Placing the dog or pet's feces in a receptacle which
20 is provided for the purpose, or for the disposal of waste, shall be sufficient removal from the
21 place where the dog defecated. Throwing, depositing, dropping or otherwise putting the
22 feces in any other place, which is not a receptacle for feces containment or for disposal of
23 waste, shall not be considered as compliance with this Act.

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25 For purposes of this act, a receptacle shall be defined as an object or space used to
26 contain waste materials and/or trash. It includes, but is not limited to trash cans, litter boxes
27 and sewers.

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29 **Section 6. Ignorance of Defecation not an Excuse.** Being unaware of the
30 defecation, whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise, or not having a
31 device for or other suitable means of removing the feces, shall not be a reasonable excuse
32 for failing to remove the feces. The owner or person in charge of the dog or pet, which
33 defecated, shall still be deemed to have violated this Act.

1 **Section 7. Exemptions.** An owner or person is not guilty of a violation of this act in
2 the following circumstances:

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4 (a) The owner, possessor and other person or authority having control of the place has
5 consented to (expressly or implied) or acquiesced with such violation.
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7 (b) The owner or person in charge of the dog or other pet is blind, and the dog is being
8 used for the same person's guidance.
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10 (c) The dog is being used in an emergency or rescue work.
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12 (d) The owner or person in charge of the dog or other pet is a person with disability or
13 has a similar physical impairment.
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15 **Section 8. Penalties.** Any person found guilty for violation of this Act shall be
16 required to pay a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P 5,000.00), without prejudice to liability
17 under other existing laws.
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19 **Section 9. Enforcement.** An aggrieved party under this Act may file a complaint
20 before the Barangay where the place of the violation was committed. The proper
21 Sangguniang Barangay shall issue the appropriate resolution and issue the order imposing
22 the fine. A person cannot be held guilty of violating this Act where there is only one (1)
23 witness presented by a complainant. All complaints under this Act shall be dispensed
24 quickly in a summary procedure before the Sangguniang Barangay.

25 **Section 10. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** The Office of the President and
26 Department of Interior and Local Government shall issue the Implementing Rules and
27 Regulations of this Act within sixty (60) days after its effectivity.

28 **Section 11. Separability Clause** - If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
29 void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions or provisions thereof shall not be affected by
30 such declaration.

31 **Section 12. Effectivity Clause** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
32 complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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