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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides:

"The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs."

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides:

"The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

Indoor play areas can be seen in malls, restaurants, and commercial centers all over the country. It serves as an attraction for families with children since these facilities creates an atmosphere wherein children can play and get along with other children with minimal supervision.

The proposed bill seeks to protect the rights and welfare of our children by establishing cleanliness and safety standards for indoor play areas in order to ensure that all facilities for public use are clean, safe and disease free.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ML Binay', is positioned above the printed name.

MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
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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 "Safe Public Indoor
2 Play Area Act."

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4 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It shall be the policy of the State to ensure
5 that all facilities for public use are clean, safe and disease-free.

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7 Sec. 3. *Definition.* – The term "indoor play area" includes any indoor
8 facility offered to the public where children may play, whether free or for a fee;

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10 Sec. 4. *Indoor Play Area Safety and Cleanliness Program.* – The
11 Department of Health (DOH), in consultation with the Department of Interior and
12 Local Government (DILG), shall establish a program that shall:

13 (A) Provide for a regular inspection of all the indoor play areas by
14 local health inspectors, which shall not be less frequent than
15 once every year;

16 (B) Formulate standards for safety and cleanliness for all indoor
17 play areas; and

1 (C) Establish a national information campaign, educating
2 entrepreneurs and indoor play area owners about methods of
3 maintaining the safety and cleanliness of the indoor play
4 areas.
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6 Sec. 5. *Mandatory Inspection Requirement.* – No indoor play area shall be
7 open to the public unless it has been inspected for the period as provided for in
8 the program under Section 4 of this Act. Upon inspection, the local public health
9 officer shall issue a certification that the indoor play area is safe for public use.
10 Such certification shall expire no later than one year after the same is issued.
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12 Sec. 6. *Outbreak.* – Should the DOH declare an outbreak of a
13 communicable disease in a local government, all public indoor play area in the
14 said area shall be closed to the public. Upon declaration that the outbreak has
15 been lifted, the local inspectors shall inspect all the public indoor play area in the
16 area affected and shall issue a new certification to those who comply with the
17 standards.
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19 Sec. 7. *Best Practices.* – The DOH, upon consultation with the private
20 sector, shall compile a manual of best practices in ensuring the safety of public
21 indoor play areas. The DOH shall establish a network of public indoor play area
22 operators and service providers for the cleanliness, maintenance, and safety of
23 public indoor play areas.
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25 Sec. 8. *Penalty.* – Any person, partnership or corporation who operates a
26 public indoor play area without a valid certification shall be fined a fee of ten
27 thousand pesos (Php 10,000.00) for every month of operation. This penalty shall
28 be independent of other administrative, civil or criminal liabilities arising from
29 injuries sustained and/or diseases contracted from the use of the public indoor
30 play areas.

1 Sec. 9. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
2 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation
3 contrary to or inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or
4 amended accordingly.

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6 Sec. 10. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
7 after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

