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REGULATING THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF INTERNET CAFÉS,
VIDEO AND COMPUTER GAME SHOPS AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS,
PROVIDING COMPUTER SERVICES WITHIN THE VICINITY OF SCHOOLS,
PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS, DAY CARE FACILITIES AND CHURCHES, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Cyber age made internet cafés and other computer-based businesses a very profitable venture for the owners and a necessary service for their clients. Youth and children have become patrons of these establishments, frequenting them even during class hours. Some students miss their classes, unconsciously or intentionally, because of their engrossment in computer activities.

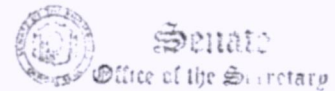
Study, play, and pray time are essential to the development and well-being of our children, and to ensure that they are not robbed by computer activities, it is necessary to regulate the location of computer establishments.

In this light, this measure proposed to prohibit the establishment, operation or maintenance of video and computer game shops within the radius of five hundred (500) meters from schools, public playgrounds, day care facilities, and churches. This will be implemented under the auspices of the local government units.

Similar measures were filed during the previous Congresses but were not enacted into law.

In this light, the immediate passage of this bill is highly recommended.


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

1 Section 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State
2 to protect and promote the physical, moral, intellectual and social well-being of the
3 youth. Pursuant to this policy, it shall regulate the operation and maintenance of
4 internet cafés, video and computer game shops and such other computer-related
5 services by prohibiting their operation within the radius of five hundred (500) meters
6 from schools, public playgrounds, day care facilities and churches.

7 Sec. 2. No video and computer game shops shall be operated or maintained
8 within the radius of five hundred (500) meters from schools, public playgrounds, day
9 care facilities, and churches.

10 In order to ensure compliance with this Section, video and computer game
11 shops shall be required to install video monitoring systems within their establishments.

12 Sec. 3. Owners or operators of internet cafés and other establishments offering
13 computer services located near schools, public playgrounds, day care centers and
14 churches shall be required to provide a "lock out" and shall "disable" websites in
15 internet that are inappropriate for children and students. They shall likewise be

1 required to post a specific time schedule for the use of computers by children and
2 young students: *Provided, however,* That they shall be allowed to use the same only
3 upon presentation of their school identification cards and a school certification issued
4 by the authorized school official to the necessity of the research work: *Provided,*
5 *further,* That said computer establishments shall have safety policies and technologies
6 in place: *Provided, finally,* That the owners of the establishments shall unlock or
7 disable the filter upon request from adult customers.

8 *Sec. 4. Role of Local Government Units.* – Local government units concerned
9 shall deputize their personnel to render an on-the-spot inspection of internet cafés,
10 video and computer game shops, and such other computer-related services operating
11 near the vicinity of the schools, playgrounds, day care centers and churches within
12 their respective units: *Provided, however,* That they shall review files and
13 communication within the computer establishments to maintain system integrity and
14 ensure that children and students are using the system in a considerate and
15 responsible manner.

16 *Sec. 5. Penalties.* – Owners or operators of internet cafés, video and computer
17 game shops and such other establishments offering computer services found to have
18 violated any provision of this Act shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment
19 of one (1) year and/or a fine of One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00), or both
20 at the discretion of the court: *Provided,* That in case of subsequent conviction, said
21 establishment shall be closed and its license shall be permanently revoked.

22 *Sec. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Interior and
23 Local Government (DILG), in coordination with the Department of Justice (DOJ) and
24 the Department of Health (DOH), shall formulate and issue such rules and regulations
25 necessary for the proper implementation of the provisions of this Act.

26 *Sec. 7. Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or
27 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision or part not otherwise
28 affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

29 *Sec. 8. Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
30 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or
31 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended
32 accordingly.

1 Sec. 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
2 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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4 *Approved,*