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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The presence of video arcades, internet gaming stations, billiard halls and other similar establishments near educational institutions have lured the young away from their studies and turned them into game "addicts."

Parents and teachers have complained that these places are a bad influence to the young since they make students lose interest in their studies, allow them to make friends with the wrong people, and teach them to gamble.

The Chinese and Malaysian governments have closed down over a thousand video game arcades noting that it had become "an opium" to the young generation.


This bill seeks to address the growing problem by making it unlawful for any individual to establish video arcades, internet gaming stations, billiard halls and other similar establishments near educational institutions.

The approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VIDEO ARCADES, INTERNET GAMING STATIONS, BILLIARD HALLS AND OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS NEAR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

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

Section 1. Prohibited Act. It shall be unlawful for any individual to establish video arcades, internet gaming stations, billiard halls and other similar establishments near educational institutions;

Section 2. Penalty. The penalty of arresto menor or a fine of 200 to 2,000 pesos, or both shall be imposed upon any establishment that shall not comply with the provision of this Act;

Section 3. Separability Clause. All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 4. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in at least two national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,