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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 provides:

Section 15. The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

The current trend in zoos and animal farms in recent years is to allow their customers and visitors to touch the animals for a closer interaction. However, these people on animal operations have almost constant potential for exposure to animal manure, saliva and other sources of contamination.

The practice of allowing people to touch animals is very risky for both the customer and the owner of the establishment. The customer is exposed to disease while the owners are exposed to the potential lawsuit that may arise if their customers are infected with the disease that can come from the animals.

Simple, common-sense measures like this bill would dramatically reduce the incidence of food and animal-related illnesses and the costly litigation that goes with them.

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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1 AN ACT  
2 REQUIRING THE USE OF DISPOSABLE GLOVES AT PETTING ZOOS  
3 AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS

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

6 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Safe Zoos Act of 2008.”

7 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State aims to protect and promote the right to  
8 health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. To this end, it aims to protect  
9 the people from disease that can come from infection from touching the animals in zoos with  
10 their bare hands.

11 SECTION 3. *Disposable Glove Requirement.* – Any person owning, possessing or  
12 harboring animals in a petting zoo, game farm, fair or similar facilities, whereby animals  
13 come into contact with persons other than employees of such petting zoo, game farm, fair or  
14 facility, shall provide disposable gloves to be used by any person wishing to pet such  
15 animals.

16 SECTION 4. *Penalty.* – Any person who violates the provisions of this Act shall be  
17 punishable by a fine of not more than Five Thousand Pesos.

18 SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts  
19 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified  
20 accordingly.

1           SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is  
2 declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not  
3 affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

4           SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days  
5 following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

6           Approved,

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