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House Bill No. 620



Introduced by: **Congressman Mariano U. Piamonte Jr.** and
Congresswoman Julieta R. Cortuna, Representatives, **A TEACHER Party-list**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The importance of Closed Circuit television (CCTV, for short) camera could be gleaned from the fact that this has already been part of the fixture in a growing number of business establishments.

Its benefits far outweigh the costs involved in the purchase of CCTV for the purpose of preventing crime from happening, investigating individuals involved in a crime, and replacing the failure of mere cartographic sketches toward the solution of a crime. With a functioning CCTV, all these concerns are more than adequately addressed.

There has also been a number of municipalities or cities that issue pertinent ordinances that would require, if not encourage, business establishments to install CCTVs in their place of business operation or premises precisely as a peace and order campaign tool that will curb criminal activities or lawlessness from happening that could have been more rampant without rampant without this single important gadget put up in the premises of business establishments.

The safety of those who do legitimate business, single proprietorship or corporate, on the one hand and their end-users, consumers, or client on the other can only be best promoted by requiring every business establishment to install CCTV camera as one of the requirements to be imposed by the concerned LGUs or province, as the case may be, for the registration and renewal of their business license or Mayor's Permit.

In a sound peace and order campaign drive, this proposal resembles the actual role of police authorities as watchdogs, informant or a much reliable witness when a crime is really committed, about to be committed, and will iron out all possible inconsistencies of witness in an otherwise non-CCTV investigation being done.

With this bill, a CCTV camera, its equivalent or video surveillance system is henceforth required of every private business establishment prior to the issuance of its registration or

renewal for a business license or Mayor's Permit and this will have as its principal implementing agency the LGU of cognizant territorial jurisdiction where the business operates.

It cannot be gainsaid that with the advent of technology, business is more vibrant and progress in every growth point is faster. It is envisioned that this requirement will in fact promote a more robust business activity that would certainly redound to the best interest of the national economy.

Hence passage of this bill is most earnestly prayed for.

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**AN ACT REQUIRING EVERY PRIVATE BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT TO INSTALL
IN ITS PREMISES CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION CAMERA, VIDEO
SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM OR ITS EQUIVALENT AS A REQUISITE FOR
REGISTRATION AND/OR RENEWAL OF ITS BUSINESS LICENSE OR MAYOR'S
PERMIT**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Close Circuit Television Camera or Video Surveillance System Act of 2012”.

SECTION 2. There shall be required of every private business establishment in every municipality or city or province installation of a Closed Circuit Television Camera, video surveillance system, or its equivalent as a requisite prior issuance of business license or Mayor’s Permit by the local government unit exercising authority and jurisdiction.

SECTION 3. The concerned Local Government Unit shall issue rules, regulations, and pertinent guidelines for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. Non-compliance with this requisite shall be ground for non-registration or non-renewal of business license or Mayor’s Permit of the applicant, single proprietorship or corporate.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon its approval and publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved.