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HOUSE BILL NO. 6372



Introduced by Congressman Alfredo D. Vargas III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, and non-irritating toxic gas that poses extreme danger to people when inhaled. Long term exposure to carbon monoxide can affect the memory, brain function, behavior, and cognition of humans. In extreme cases, exposure to this toxic gas results in death.

Our children may be exposed to carbon monoxide in school buildings. In an isolated case in Catbalogan City, Samar, 15 public school teachers were hospitalized after suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning after they had a seminar at a two-story building of the City Schools Division office.

In accordance to the State policy of protecting the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being of the Filipino Youth, we must ensure that our students are not susceptible to this particular toxic gas. As such, this bill requires the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in all school buildings.

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


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AN ACT
REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN
SCHOOL BUILDINGS

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

SECTION 1. Installation of Carbon Monoxide Detectors. The Secretary of Education shall adopt regulations requiring the installation of Carbon Monoxide detectors in every elementary and secondary school building where there is a substantial risk of exposure to carbon monoxide. In the determination of which school buildings have substantial risk of exposure to carbon monoxide, the Department of Education shall be assisted by the Department of Health and the Local Government Unit where the particular school building is located.

SECTION 2. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. Effective Clause. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation

Approved,