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EXPLANATORY NOTE

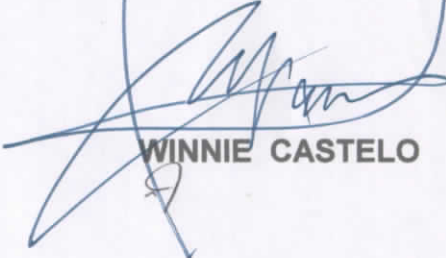
Spitting in public should effectively be outlawed. It is highly unhygienic as it is risky. Some bacterial species, such as the mycobacterium tuberculosis, the one that causes TB, are contagious and airborne. Spitting has been identified as a factor in the spread of TB. Recent study shows that the number of deaths due to TB stands at an average of 75 Filipinos every day.

In the Philippines, only Davao has effectively implemented an anti-spitting law, which has been in force since 2010.

Empirical data reveal that a number of people are in the habit of spitting in public places. This unsanitary practice has to stop. Allowing this practice to go unchecked puts the health of our countrymen at great risk.

Hence, spitting in public throughout the country should now be proscribed.

The immediate passage of this proposed measure is highly recommended.



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AN ACT
PROHIBITING SPITTING IN PUBLIC NATIONWIDE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "National Spitting Ban Act."

SEC. 2. It is hereby declared banned or prohibited for any person to spit in any public place indoor or outdoor.

SEC. 3. Appropriate penalties for violation hereof shall be prescribed by the Department of Health.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Department of Health shall issue pertinent rules and regulations to effectively carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,