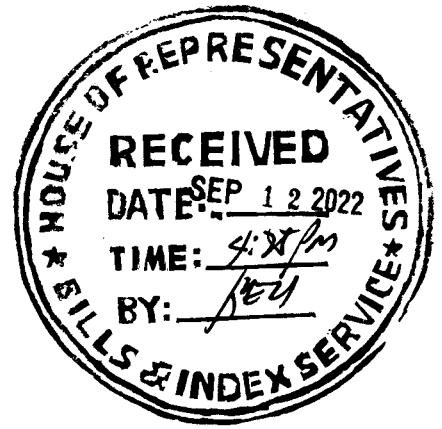




Republic of the Philippines
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4693



Introduced by Representative Jefferson F. Khonghun

AN ACT INCREASING THE DISTANCE PROHIBITION OF THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, VAPORIZED NICOTINE AND NON-NICOTINE PRODUCTS OR NOVEL TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) METER RADIUS FROM THE PERIMETER OF A SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENT OR ANY FACILITY FREQUENTED BY MINORS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9211 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11900

EXPLANATORY NOTE

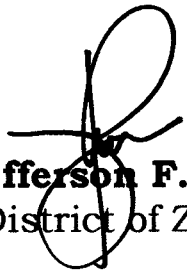
The need to protect the younger generation from any activity that might expose their health to unnecessary risk remains paramount. This legislation seeks to increase the distance from any point of any religious and learning facility within which the sale of tobacco and vape products is prohibited.

Science has proven that smoking tobacco products causes significant health problems among young people, including an increase in the number and severity of respiratory illnesses as serious as lung cancer. Millions of children are also exposed to secondhand smoke which can be especially harmful to their health because their lungs still are developing. This is one of the reasons why Republic Act (RA) No. 9211 or the "Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003" is a very welcome initiative of the government in protecting its citizens, especially the children, from the harmful effects of tobacco

products. In the same vein, the recently passed RA No. 11900 complements RA No. 9211 in regulating the sale and use of tobacco products and vape products.

However, this representation expresses the necessity to amend Section 10 of RA No. 9211, and Section 9 of RA 11900 to further protect the younger generation from the harmful effects of these products by restricting the sale of tobacco products from schools, religious establishments, and other areas frequented by minors, pursuant to the mandate of the state of having a "balanced policy whereby the use, sale, and advertisements of tobacco products shall be regulated in order to promote a healthful environment and protect the citizens from the hazards of tobacco smoke, and at the same time ensure that the interest of tobacco farmers, growers, workers and stakeholders are not adversely compromised"¹

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



Hon. Jefferson F. Khonghun
1st District of Zambales

¹Section 2, Republic Act No. 9211

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

SECTION 1. Section 10 of Republic Act No. 9211, is hereby amended
to read as follows:

***Section 10.** Sale of Tobacco Products Within School Perimeters
and Religious Establishments. – The sale or distribution of tobacco
products is prohibited within five hundred (500) meters away from
any point of the perimeter of a school, public playground, churches,
mosques, places of worship, religious establishments or other
facilities frequented particularly by minors.*

SECTION 2. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 11900, is hereby amended
to read as follows:

***Section 9.** Sales and Promotion Within School Perimeters and
Religious Establishments. – The sale, promotion, advertising, and
product demonstration of Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine
Products or Novel Tobacco Products within five hundred (500)
meters away from any point of the perimeter of a school, public
playground, churches, mosques, places of worship, religious
establishments or other facilities frequented particularly by
minors.*

SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, acts, presidential
decrees, executive orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and

1 regulations or parts thereof, which are contrary to and inconsistent with the
2 provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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4 **SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.*** – If any portion or provision of this Act
5 is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not
6 affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

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8 **SECTION 5. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect immediately
9 following the completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in
10 two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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12 Approved,