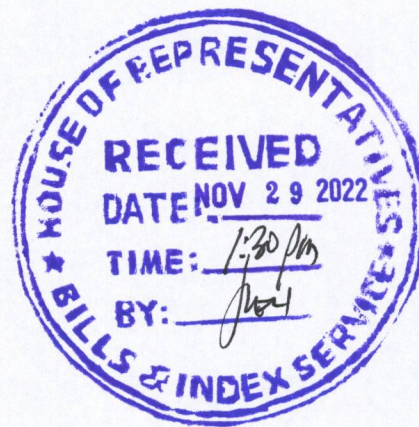




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

A Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) system is a vital tool in preventing the conduct of crime and ensuring the safety of individuals in the covered area. As such, the installation of CCTV systems in every public transport terminal would keep passengers and property safe, as it would act as a deterrent to crime.

The recorded footages of CCTV cameras would further assist law enforcers and government agencies in determining the true party at fault during traffic mishaps and pinpointing the cause of unfortunate road accidents. The presence of CCTV cameras in heavy foot traffic areas such as public transport terminals would also give peace of mind to commuters with the knowledge that the covered area is under strict security measure.

The origins of this House Bill was filed during the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Congress, with amendments made thereto, this representation seeks to file this Bill during the Eighteenth Congress to further ensure the safety of the commuting public with the help of technology. Thus, the passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT MANDATING THE INSTALLATION OF CLOSED
CIRCUIT TELEVISION CAMERAS (CCTVs) IN ALL
TRANSPORTATION TERMINALS WHETHER LAND, SEA OR
AIR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS**

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

Section 1. Title. – This act shall be known as the "The CCTV Transportation Terminal Surveillance Act".

Section 2. Declaration of Policy – It is the policy of the State to serve and protect the people, to maintain peace and order, to protect life, liberty, and property, to promote the general welfare and the dignity of every human being.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. For the purposes of this Act, the term:

- a) "Closed Circuit Television" or "CCTV" shall mean a television system where cameras are connected to television monitors and recording devices such as but not limited to digital video recorders (DVRs), to perform surveillance over a specific area. It is a system device, whose signals and/or data is not publicly distributed but are monitored and recorded, primarily for surveillance and security purposes by the transportation terminal.

Section 4. Mandatory Installation and Maintenance of CCTV. – It is hereby mandated that all public and private transportation terminals, including but not limited to the (i) Road Sector such as Public Utility Buses (PUB), Public Utility Jeeps (PUJ), Tricycles and UV Express Vans, (ii) Railways Sector, (iii) Maritime Sector such as sea ports, wharfs, piers, docks, berths and (iv) Aviation Sector, shall have the prescribed number of CCTV units in accordance with the guidelines to be issued by the Department of Transportation (DOTr).

Section 5. Guidelines and Standards in the installation of CCTV.

– The following are the minimum standards and guidelines in the installation and maintenance of CCTVs:

- a) Closed circuit television systems shall be operational at all times;
- b) CCTV cameras shall be strategically located in terminals to be able to monitor and record activities in different areas, specifically in critical and key areas of the terminal where most of human traffic is located.
- c) CCTV cameras shall have a high definition resolution to be able to identify the facial features of a person and/or objects e.g. bullet, knife and similar deadly weapons and illegal items.
- d) Data storage shall be capable of storing digital images, video and data information for a minimum of one (1) month.
- e) Data, images and videos recorded in the data storage device shall have a loop of thirty (30) days or one (1) month before its deletion, unless a crime was committed, said recordings relative to the crime of incident that is a subject of investigation shall be preserved for the duration of the investigation and resolution of the subject incident, and in cases of court litigation whether criminal or civil, deletion of data in the data storage devices or DVRs shall be upon the order of a competent court of law.

Section 6. Confidentiality of Video Recording and Data. – The privacy of individuals recorded by the CCTV system shall be respected and maintained at all times in accordance with existing laws on privacy. It is the responsibility of the owners, operators and managers, including their agents, to protect the confidentiality of the individuals in the video recordings.

Section 7. Data Access Saved in the Data Storage System. – Access to the data, information, images and videos recorded in the data storage system shall be provided upon order of a competent court of law, however, during a crime in progress or in pursuit of a suspect, law enforcement agent/s may be allowed access to aid in the resolution of the crime and apprehension of suspects in the crime being committed or immediately committed.

Section 8. Role of Local Government Units. – Local Government Units shall install and maintain CCTVs and DVRs in all public transportation terminals within their respective jurisdiction. Local Government Units shall ensure and monitor privately-owned and operated transportation terminals within their jurisdiction to implement the provisions of this Act.

Section 9. Responsibility of the Owner and Operator of Privately-Owned Public Transportation Terminal. – Owner and operator of privately-owned and operated public transport terminals, whether individual, partnership, group, organization or corporation shall be responsible in the installation, operating, monitoring and maintaining the CCTVs and DVRs.

Section 10. Prohibited Acts. – The following acts shall be unlawful:

- a) Disclosure of videos and images recorded to unauthorized individuals or persons, natural and juridical;
- b) Unauthorized copying and duplication through the use of copying and duplicating devices and computers of the image/s and video/s in the data storage;
- c) Diversion, hacking or grabbing of the data flow and digital images and videos from the CCTV cameras to the data storage;
- d) Uploading of videos and images on the Internet;
- e) Unauthorized possession of videos and images from the CCTVs and data storage, and;
- f) Non-operation of the CCTV and DVRs for an unreasonable period of time.

Section 11. Implementing Agency. – The Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Department of Interior and Local Government and all Local Government Units, shall ensure the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 12. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Department of Interior and Local Government, in consultation with other appropriate agencies and relevant stakeholders, shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Act.

Section 13. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or part thereof, contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 14. Separability Clause. - If any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, all other sections or provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Approved.

