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House Bill No. **10663**



Introduced by Representative Richard I. Gomez, DPA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The presence of talipapa and ambulant vendors along national roads and highways has been a longstanding issue in the 4th District of Leyte. While these vendors significantly contribute to the local economy by providing convenient access to goods and services, their proximity to busy roads poses serious risks to public safety and impedes the smooth flow of traffic.

Vendors located close to national roads and highways are particularly vulnerable to traffic accidents. Both vendors and customers are at risk of being struck by vehicles, leading to potential injuries and fatalities. Moreover, pedestrians often have to navigate around these vendors, putting them at risk of accidents as they walk on the edge of the road or step onto the roadway itself to avoid stalls. Obstacles created by vendor stalls can delay emergency response vehicles, potentially jeopardizing lives and property during critical situations.

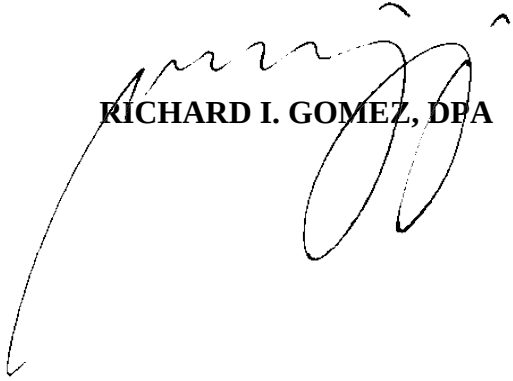
Road obstructions caused by vendor stalls and customer gatherings lead to traffic congestion, slowing down the movement of vehicles, especially during peak hours, and causing significant delays. Vehicles stopping abruptly to purchase goods from vendors contribute to traffic bottlenecks and increase the likelihood of rear-end collisions. Furthermore, the proliferation of stalls along roadsides detracts from the visual appeal of our communities. Properly organized vendor spaces can enhance the overall aesthetic of the district. Improper waste disposal by roadside vendors also contributes to environmental pollution, affecting local ecosystems and public health.

This bill aims to enhance public safety by mandating a setback of no less than five meters from the edge of national roads and highways, reducing the risk of traffic accidents and improving

pedestrian safety. Ensuring that vendors are set back from the road will help reduce congestion and allow for smoother traffic movement. Organizing vendor spaces away from the roads will improve the visual appeal and environmental cleanliness of the district.

The proposed bill is a necessary measure to address the issues arising from the presence of vendors along national roads and highways. It seeks to balance the economic contributions of these vendors with the need for public safety, efficient traffic management, and environmental and aesthetic improvements. The enactment of this bill will significantly benefit the residents of the 4th District of Leyte and enhance the overall quality of life in the region.

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



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**AN ACT MANDATING ALL TALIPAPA AND AMBULANT VENDORS IN THE
FOURTH DISTRICT OF LEYTE TO MAINTAIN A SETBACK OF NO LESS THAN
FIVE METERS FROM NATIONAL ROADS AND HIGHWAYS IN LOW DENSITY
AREAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the "*Talipapa and Ambulant Vendors Safety Act of 2024.*"

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to ensure the safety and welfare of all road users by maintaining clear and obstruction-free national roads and highways. This is to minimize accidents, ensure smooth traffic flow, and enhance the aesthetic appeal of our communities.

SEC. 3. Definition of Terms. – For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall mean:

- a. **Talipapa** - A small market or collection of market stalls that sell various goods, typically located in public places.
- b. **Ambulant Vendors** - Individuals who sell goods and services in a mobile manner, including street vendors, peddlers, and hawkers.

c. **Setback** - The minimum distance required to keep an area clear from any form of obstruction, measured from the edge of the national road or highway.

SEC. 4. Mandatory Setback Requirement and Coverage. – All talipapa and ambulant vendors operating low density areas in the Fourth District of Leyte are required to maintain a setback of no less than five (5) meters from the edge of the national roads and highways.

SEC. 5. Responsibilities of Local Government Units (LGUs). –

a. Respective LGUs of the 4th District of Leyte shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this Act and offer necessary support to the vendors affected by this Act;

b. LGUs shall require registration of any talipapa along national roads and highways and conduct regular inspections to ensure compliance with the setback requirement;

c. The LGUs shall provide designated vending areas that comply with the setback requirement, that provide for safe transient curbside parking area for customer vehicles.

SEC. 6. Penalties. – a. Any talipapa or ambulant vendor found violating the setback requirement shall be subject to the following penalties:

1. **First Offense:** A warning and a directive to immediately relocate;

2. **Second Offense:** A fine of One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00);

3. **Third and Subsequent Offenses:** A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (₱5,000.00) and confiscation of goods.

b. Repeat offenders may face suspension or revocation of their vending permits as determined by the LGUs.

SEC. 7. Information and Education Campaign. – The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), in coordination with the LGUs, shall conduct an information and education campaign to inform vendors and the public about the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 8. Appropriations. – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of the LGUs.

SEC. 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways

(DPWH) and the LGUs, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act within ninety (90) days from its effectivity.

SEC. 10. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 12. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,