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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The challenge posed by non-operational overhead cable television and telephone wires, which hang precariously from utility poles, trees, and the edges of high-rise buildings, has escalated to a critical level in our urban environments. This issue is not merely an aesthetic concern, as the presence of these unsightly wires also poses a serious risk to public safety, increasing the likelihood of accidents that could affect pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists alike.

In response to this growing concern, numerous city and municipal ordinances have been enacted, aimed at mandating the removal of unsightly and potentially hazardous overhead cables from streets, sidewalks, and public spaces. These regulations were established to promote not only a more visually appealing urban landscape but also to enhance the safety of our communities. However, despite these well-intentioned efforts, the problem persists, with many areas still burdened by the clutter of dangling and sagging wires.

It is crucial that we take immediate and effective action to address the urgent issue of hazardous cables. Approving this measure is not only necessary, but also essential for eliminating an ongoing threat to public safety. By launching a comprehensive removal initiative, we can restore safety and integrity to our public spaces while also improving the overall appearance of our neighbourhoods.


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AN ACT MANDATING ALL POWER, TELECOMMUNICATION, CABLE, AND INTERNET PROVIDERS TO MEND DANGLING WIRES AND CLEAR NON-OPERATIONAL OVERHEAD WIRES AND CABLES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

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

Section 1. Short Title – This Act shall be known as the “Anti-Dangling Wires Act of 2025.”

Sec. 2. Coverage – All Public utility providers, i.e., telephone, cable, and internet providers, using aerial wires for the distribution of their utilities are covered by this Act.

Sec. 3. Responsibilities of Public Utility Providers – Public Utility Providers are hereby required to:

- a. Bundle up its sagging and dangling aerial utility wires.
- b. Remove all non-operational or unused wires and cables.
- c. Relocate or replace post to adhere with the specified allowable clearance of aerial wires and cables.

Sec. 4. Provision for Penalties – All Local Government Units shall ensure that the Public Utility Providers comply with the provisions of this Act. They may withhold or cancel the permits of erring providers for their failure to comply.

Sec. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations, - The National Telecommunications Commission, Department of Information Communications Technology and Department of Interior and Local Government shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

Sec. 6. *Repealing Clause* - All laws, decrees, rules and regulations or part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Sect, 7. *Separability Clause* – If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provisions of this Act is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain to be in full force and effect.

Sec. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.