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INTRODUCED BY REP. PATRICK MICHAEL “PM” D. VARGAS

AN ACT
MANDATING ALL COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND PUBLIC
BUILDINGS IN EVERY CITY AND MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTRY,
WHETHER FOR PROFIT OR NOT AND OPERATING PUBLIC TOILETS TO
INSTALL BIDET SPRAYS ON SUCH PUBLIC TOILETS, IMPOSING
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State recognizes that the right of every establishment to a fair return on investment carries with it a corresponding social responsibility to provide adequate facilities for the comfort of its clientele. As such, Republic Act 11311 was enacted in 2018 to ensure that high foot-traffic areas such as Land Transportation Terminals, Stations, Stops, Rest Areas, and Roll-on/Roll-Off Terminals provide facilities such as internet and clean sanitary facilities.

Since most commercial operations are typically located in public spaces with heavy foot traffic, it follows that this is where people would most likely need bathrooms. Basic restrooms ideally include sufficient lighting, ventilation, running water that is safe to use, soap, a mirror, and a hand dryer.

As a part of better public service for Filipinos, who traditionally and culturally practice the use of water and soap instead of tissue paper in the restrooms, this measure proposes the installation of bidet sprays in all commercial establishments, especially in restaurants across the country. By having a safe, adequate, and running water supply in every available restroom in public areas, people can be assured that they can be relieved with the same comfort as they would in their own homes.

This bill also intends to contribute to the environmental cause of eliminating toilet paper and paper waste over time.

While bidet sprays are not the ultimate solution to perfecting restrooms, this bill further hopes to move the nation one step closer to transforming public restrooms into spaces that truly give comfort.

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



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

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the “*Bidet in Every Public Toilet Act*”.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the state to promote health and sanitation, allowing hygienic measures of isolating human contact with hazardous wastes generated by excreta, urine, wastewater, solid wastes, and industrial wastes, which will be detrimental to human health if left uncontrolled.

SECTION 3. Coverage. There shall be installed bidets in toilet seats in the public restrooms of malls, hospitals, cinemas, restaurants, cafes, inns, hotels, and other similar establishments in every city and municipality across the country.

SECTION 4. Implementation. No business permit and/or license shall be issued to any of the aforementioned applicants-establishments who failed to comply with Section 3 of this Act. In the event that the license and/or permit had already been issued, but upon inspection it was found that the establishment failed to maintain the operative condition of the bidets in the toilet seats, charges shall be filed for the cancellation/revocation of the said license/permit. The City or Municipality Business Permits and Licensing

Department (BPLD) shall administer the implementation and full compliance of the above-stated establishments.

SECTION 5. *Penalties.* For violation of this Act, the following penalties shall be imposed:

First Offense:	Written Warning/Notice
Second Offense:	PHP 1,000.00
Third and Offense:	PHP 3,000.00
Fourth and Subsequent Offense:	PHP 5,000.00 plus cancellation of Business Permit

The aforementioned fines shall be imposed on the owners, operators and/or managing officers of the malls, hospitals, cinemas, restaurants, cafes, inns, hotels, and other similar establishments who failed to comply with section 3 of this Act, or those who have been issued with license or permit that failed to maintain the operative condition of bidets in toilets seats of the restrooms of the afore-stated business establishments.

SECTION 6. *Compliance.* All existing establishments shall comply with the provisions of this ordinance within thirty (30) days of approval of this ordinance. Otherwise, the Business Permits of said establishments shall not be renewed.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* Any portion or provision of this Act that is declared unconstitutional shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,