COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 759

Submitted by the Committee on Disaster Resilience on FEB 16 2021

Re: House Bill No. 7174
Recommending its approval, with amendment, in consolidation with House Bill No. 7412

Sponsors: Representatives Lucy Torres-Gomez, Alfred Vargas, Eduardo “Bro Eddie” Villanueva and Domingo Rivera

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Disaster Resilience to which were referred House Bill No. 7174, authored by Rep. Alfred Vargas, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ACTIVE USE AND DISPLAY OF COMMERCIAL BILLBOARDS DURING TYPHOONS”

and House Bill No. 7412, authored by Reps. Eduardo “Bro. Eddie” Villanueva and Domingo Rivera, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ACTIVE USE AND DISPLAY OF COMMERCIAL BILLBOARDS DURING TYPHOONS”

has considered the same and recommends the approval of House Bill No. 7174, in consolidation with House Bill No. 7412, with the following amendment:

1. On Section 2, line 7, delete the phrase "the safety of" as to avoid redundancy in the use of the word "safety";
2. On Section 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. add "THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG), after the acronym, "(MMDA), insert a comma and delete the word "AND" thus the whole section will now read as follows:

Section 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) in consultation with the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG), other metropolitan councils and other relevant agencies shall promulgate and issue the implementing rules and regulations of this Act within sixty (60) days from the effectivity thereof.

3. On Section 8, Effectivity Clause, delete the phrase "two (2) newspapers", and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase "A NEWSPAPER".

and with Reps. Alfred Vargas, Eduardo "Bro. Eddie" Villanueva, Domingo Rivera and Lucy Torres-Gomez, as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

[Signature]

LUCY TORRES-GOMEZ
Chairperson
Committee on Disaster Resilience

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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AMENDED HOUSE BILL NO. 7174


AN ACT
PROHIBITING THE ACTIVE USE AND DISPLAY OF COMMERCIAL BILLBOARDS DURING TYPHOONS

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

SEC. 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Bawal Billboard Tuwing Bagyo Act”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to mitigate the risk of billboard-related accidents during typhoons. For this purpose, the operation of billboards during weather disturbances shall be strictly prohibited as a public safety measure for the motorists and pedestrians.

SEC. 3. Prohibition on the Active Use of Billboards During Typhoons. – All advertising materials shall be automatically taken down by the billboard operator within 12 hours from an official announcement and/or release of a Typhoon Signal No. 1 bulletin, or any other significant weather disturbance by the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAG-ASA). This prohibition shall be in effect for the duration of the weather disturbance. For this purpose, contents
on tarpaulin-based billboards shall be taken down, while electronic-based billboards
shall be switched off during this period.

SEC. 4. Penal Clause. – Any billboard operator or person who shall violate the
provisions of this Act shall be subject to a fine of not less than three hundred thousand
Pesos (Php 300,000), or imprisonment of not less than six months but not more than
one year, upon the discretion of the court.

SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Department of Public Works
and Highway (DPWH) in consultation with the Metro Manila Development Authority
(MMDA), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), other metropolitan
councils and other relevant agencies shall promulgate and issue the implementing
rules and regulations of this Act within sixty (60) days from the effectivity thereof.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. – All law, executive orders, rules and regulations or any
part thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. Separability Clause. – If any part or provision of this Act shall be declared
unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise
affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 8. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days its publication in the
Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,