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PROVINCE OF LEYTE
Palo, Leyte
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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION

COMMITTEE REPORT No. 16 Series of 2024

Referred to this Committee is the Proposed Provincial Ordinance entitled **“AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE, SALE, DISTRIBUTION, AND ADVERTISEMENT OF CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ELECTRONIC NICOTINE AND NON-NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS, HEATED TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND OTHER NOVEL TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN DESIGNATED AREAS, IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION, AND PROMOTING HEALTH CONSCIOUSNESS AND OTHER RELATED OBJECTIVES.”**

This proposed ordinance is align with the goal of promoting a healthier environment, protecting public health, particularly among vulnerable populations, and reducing the incidence of tobacco/nicotine-related illnesses.

However, after research and consultation with the department involved, as well as with members of the Committee on Health and Sanitation, it has been discovered that there is already an existing Provincial Ordinance that is in line with the proposed ordinance, as well as existing National Laws that address the same.

Provincial Ordinance No. 08, Series of 2012, An Ordinance Establishing Leyte's Clean Air Program, Defining Violations Thereof, Providing Penalties, and Appropriating Funds Therefor, already includes provisions stated in Republic Act No. 9211, also known as the Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003. However, said Provincial Ordinance does not include provisions under Republic Act No. 11900 or the Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products Regulation Act, which lapsed into law on July 25, 2022, or 10 years after the approval of the Provincial Ordinance. In order for the Provincial Government to be able to fully implement its mandate stated in the Local Government Code of 1991 or Republic Act 7160, “that every local government unit exercise the power and authority to promote the health and safety of its constituents”, it is imperative to adopt Republic Act No. 11900 or the Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products Regulation Act for its implementation within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Leyte.

In view thereof, the Committee hereby recommends for the passage of a resolution adopting Republic Act 11900 or the Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products Regulation Act.

Submitted this ___ of December 2024, Palo, Leyte.

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