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COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS and PRIVILEGES

COMMITTEE REPORT
No. 23 series 2025

SUBJECT: "An Ordinance Regulating the Transport of Quarry, Sand, Gravel, and Other Natural Resources Within the Territorial Jurisdiction of the Province of Leyte, and for Other Purposes."
Referred to: Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges
By virtue of: SP Resolution No. 2025-415
Date Referred: September 9, 2025

I. BACKGROUND

In the exercise of its legislative authority under the Local Government Code of 1991, and in pursuit of its mandate to promote environmental protection, public safety, and general welfare, the Provincial Government of Leyte deems it necessary to regulate the extraction, hauling, and transport of quarry resources, sand, gravel, and other natural resources within its territorial jurisdiction.

This measure seeks to address the adverse impacts of environmental damage and road safety risks, while ensuring environmental sustainability, maintaining public order, and promoting accountability.

Accordingly, the proposed ordinance prescribes prohibited transport hours, imposes mandatory compliance requirements, including the use of tarpaulin covers, Ore Transport Permits (OTP), and delivery or official receipts and provides appropriate administrative and penal sanctions for violations. It further empowers the Philippine National Police and local enforcement units to implement and monitor compliance.

II. FINDINGS AND OBSERVATIONS

After due deliberation and consultation, the Committee finds the proposed measure to be consistent with existing national and provincial laws, rules, and policies on environmental protection and natural resource management.

The Committee further observes that the enactment of the proposed ordinance is both reasonable and imperative to address persistent concerns arising from the unregulated transport of quarry materials, which has often resulted in environmental degradation and road safety hazards.

Moreover, the Committee finds merit in the adoption of time-based transport regulations and mandatory compliance mechanisms, which are expected to facilitate effective monitoring, enhance transparency, and strengthen coordination among concerned local government offices and enforcement agencies.

III. RECOMMENDATION

In view of the foregoing premises and considerations, the Committee recommends that the Proposed Provincial Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Regulating the Transport of Quarry, Sand, Gravel, and Other Natural Resources Within the Territorial Jurisdiction of the Province of Leyte, and for Other Purposes" be certified as urgent.

SUBMITTED: October 10, 2025



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PROPOSED PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. _____
Series of 2025

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE TRANSPORT OF QUARRY, SAND, GRAVEL, AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, in the transport of quarry, sand, gravel, and other natural resources within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Leyte, environmental protection, the safety of motorists and pedestrians, and accountability are primary considerations and utmost concerns.

WHEREAS, every local government unit has the sworn obligation to enact measures that will enhance, among others, the safety and convenience and promote the general prosperity of the inhabitants of the local units.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion duly seconded, be it.

RESOLVE, as it is hereby resolved, to **REGULATE THE TRANSPORT OF QUARRY, SAND, GRAVEL, AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.**

Section 1. – PROHIBITIVE TRANSPORT TIME - Except upon application and prior authorization from the Office of the Governor or his duly authorized representative, no person, whether natural or juridical, shall operate an inland transport of quarry, sand, gravel, and other natural resources within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Leyte, from **6:00 p.m. up to 8:00 a.m. of the following day.**

Section 2. MANDATORY REQUIREMENT – In the conduct of inland transport of quarry, sand, gravel, and other natural resources within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Leyte, the following shall be strictly observed, to wit:

- a. All inland transport or hauling of quarry, sand, gravel, and other natural resources shall at all times be covered with tarpaulin, also known as “*trapal*” or “*lona*” or other similar material, and;
- b. For sea and land, whether within or going outside the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Leyte, subject to the application requirement and payment of required fees, the transport of said resources shall, before its departure, be covered by an Ore Transport Permit (OTP) issued by the Office of the Provincial Governor or his duly authorized representative.

- c. Transport of said resources shall at all times be covered by a duly accomplished Delivery Receipt or Official Receipt, as the case may be.

Section 3. PENALTY – Without prejudice to the provisions of the Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, Revised Penal Code, and the related laws, rules, regulations, and Ordinances, any person found to be violating this Ordinance *in flagrante delicto*, shall be meted the following:

- a. **FINE** not exceeding Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00);
- b. **IMPOUND** or **CONFISCATE** the subject vehicle, including the loaded quarry, sand or gravel, or other natural resources;
- c. Repetition of similar violation of this Ordinance and after due notice, at the discretion of the Governor, **SUSPEND** or **REVOKE** the concerned Quarry, Sand, and Gravel Permit issued by the Provincial Government of Leyte.

Section 4. Deputization of the PNP – The members of the Leyte Police Provincial Office (LPPO) and/or the concerned Municipal Police Office are hereby deputized to enforce and implement this Ordinance.

Section 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE– Any provision or provisions of this Ordinance declared to be unconstitutional by a competent court, the unaffected portion or portions shall remain valid and shall continue to have the full force and effect of law.

Section 6. REPEALING CLAUSE– All Ordinances and other issuances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby amended, modified, or repealed accordingly.

Section 7. EFFECTIVITY – This Ordinance shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from publication in a newspaper of general circulation.