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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The presence of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) has been proven to be effective in preventing and reducing crime rates. Through surveillance camera's, law enforcers can both prevent crime from happening and solve criminal cases with material evidence. CCTV footages have been helpful in identifying offenders in the crime scene. The presence of camera's also give the assurance of the public of their safety.

In public terminals where there is always a threat for public safety, it is very important to employ strict security measure. Airports for one are targets for terrorist activity. Video surveillance can be very helpful in maintaining the highest levels of security.

With the effectiveness of this tool, Buhay Hayaan Yumabong Party List proposed this bill last 16th Congress and again we are proposing this measure to mandate the installation of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) in all transportation terminals. It is indeed the policy of the state to protect its citizen and maintain peace and order.

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


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**AN ACT MANDATING THE INSTALLATION OF CLOSED CIRCUIT
TELEVISION CAMERAS (CCTVs) IN ALL TRANSPORTATION TERMINALS
OR PORTS WHETHER LAND, SEA AND AIR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS**

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

Section 1. Title. – This act shall be known as the “The CCTV Transportation Terminal Surveillance Act of 2017”.

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to serve and protect the people, to maintain peace and order, to protect life, liberty, and property, to promote the general welfare and the dignity of every human being.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. For the purposes of this Act, the term:

- a) Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) shall mean a television system where cameras are connected to television monitors and recording devices such as but not limited to digital video recorders (DVRs), to perform surveillance of a specified area. It is a system device, whose signals and/or data are not publicly distributed but are monitored and recorded, primarily for surveillance and security purposes.

Section 4. Mandatory Installation and Maintenance of CCTV. – It is hereby mandated that all public and private transportation terminals whether land transportation like PUB, PUJ, Tricycles, UV Express or vans, and train systems; sea ports such as wharfs, piers, docks, berths and the like; and, airports, both domestic and international.

Section 5. Guidelines and standards in the installation of CCTV. – The following are the minimum standards and guidelines in the installation and maintenance of CCTVs:

- a) Closed circuit television system including VCRs shall be operated at all time.

- b) CCTV cameras shall be strategically located to be able to monitor and record activities in different areas of the terminal, specifically in critical and strategic areas of the terminal and where most of the human traffic is located.
- c) CCTV cameras and digital video recorders shall have a high definition resolution to be able to identify the facial feature of a person and/or object, e.g., bullet, knife and similar deadly weapons and illegal items.
- d) Digital video recorders and data storage shall be capable of storing digital images, video and data information for a minimum of one (1) month.
- e) Data, images and videos recorded in the data storage device shall have a loop of thirty (30) days or one (1) month before it will be erased, unless a crime was committed, said recordings relative to the crime or incident that is a subject of investigation shall be preserved for the duration of the investigation and resolution of the subject incident, and in cases of court litigation whether criminal or civil, deletion of data in the data storage devices or DVRs shall be upon the order of a competent court of law.

Section 6. Confidentiality of Video Recordings and Data. – Confidentiality of individuals recorded in the video shall be respected and maintained at all times in accordance with existing laws on privacy. It is the responsibility of the owners, operators and managers and their agents to protect the confidentiality of the individuals in the video recordings and the video records and data stored in the DVRs or data storage system.

Section 7. Data Access in the DVRs and Data Storage System. – Access to the data, information, images and videos recorded in the DVRs and data storage system shall be provided upon an order of a competent court of law, however, during a crime in progress or in pursuit of a suspect, law enforcement agent/s maybe allowed access to aid in the resolution of the crime and apprehension of suspects in the crime being committed or immediately committed.

Section 8. Responsibility of the Local Government Units. – Local government units shall be responsible to install and maintain CCTVs and DVRs in all public transportation terminals within their respective jurisdiction. It shall also be the responsibility of the local government units to ensure and monitor privately-owned and operated transportation terminals within their jurisdiction to implement the provisions of this Act.

Section 9. Responsibility of the Owner and Operator of Privately-owned Public Transportation Terminal. – Owner and operator of privately-owned and operated public transport terminals, whether individual, partnership, group, organization or corporation shall be responsible in the installation, operating, monitoring and maintaining the CCTVs and DVRs.

Section 10. Prohibited Acts. – It shall be unlawful for the following:

- a) Disclosure of the videos and images recorded to unauthorized individuals or persons, natural and juridical.
- b) Unauthorized copying and duplication through the use of copying and

- c) duplicating devices and computers of the image/s and video/s in the DVRs and data storage.
- d) Diversion or hacking or grabbing of the data flow and digital images and videos from the CCTV cameras to DVRs.
- e) Uploading of videos and images in the Internet and social media.
- f) Unauthorized possession of videos and images from the CCTVs and DVRs.
- g) Non-operation and defective CCTV and DVRs for an unreasonable period of time.

Section 11. *Implementing Agency.* - The Department of Transportation in cooperation with the Department of Interior and Local Government and Local Government Units (LGU) shall ensure the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 12. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC) in cooperation with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), in consultation with other appropriate agencies and other stakeholders, shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Act.

Section 13. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or part thereof, contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 14. *Separability Clause.* - If any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, all other sections or provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 15. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.


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