EXPLANATORY NOTE

The employment of CCTVs as a matter of regular business practice in both government and private facilities has offered a number of benefits especially in the peace and order department where CCTVs serve as effective deterrents.

Nevertheless, the right of every individual to privacy must be upheld and should not be taken away by business establishments that have in their buildings or quarters mounted clandestine CCTV devices.

The public have the right to know and be notified of the existence of such devices in places that they go to in order to advise them that their presence and actions are being monitored and recorded, otherwise, their basic right to privacy is violated.

Hence, where indoor CCTVs are installed, there should be accompanying signage or notice of their presence informing the public that they are in an area where their presence and actions would be kept tabs on.

This is a simple measure to uphold and safeguard every individual's right to privacy.

The immediate passage of this proposed measure is earnestly sought.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2908

Introduced by Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo

AN ACT
MANDATING THE POSTING OF SIGNAGE OR NOTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF INDOOR CCTVs IN ALL GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS AND PRESCRIBING FINES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Indoor CCTV Advisory to Protect Right to Privacy Act.”

SEC. 2. There shall be a mandatory Signage or Notice of the presence of indoor CCTVs in all government and private establishments.

SEC. 3. To effectively carry out the provision of this Act, such government or private establishment that fails to comply shall be fined with P300,000.00 for violation hereof.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon fifteen (15) days upon its approval, its publication in the Official Gazette, and in at least three (3) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,