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PROVINCE OF SORSOGON
Sorsogon City

SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

EXCERPT FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE **15th REGULAR SESSION** OF THE **10TH PROVINCIAL BOARD** ON **SEPTEMBER 30, 2019** AT THE SP SESSION HALL, SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN BUILDING, GOV. AUGUSTO G. ORTIZ DRIVE COR. GOV. SALVADOR C. ESCUDERO, SR. DRIVE, CAPITOL COMPOUND, BRGY BURABOD, EAST DISTRICT, SORSOGON CITY.

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PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 39-2019

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL NEWLY CONSTRUCTED OFFICES, ESTABLISHMENTS, AND OTHER RELATED BUILDINGS INTENDED FOR PUBLIC USE TO INCLUDE IN THEIR CONSTRUCTION A GENDER-NEUTRAL RESTROOM.

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Section 1. Creation of Gender-Neutral Restrooms -- All newly and partially erected offices, buildings, establishments and other similar buildings intended for public use, including school buildings, shall include in their construction a Gender-Neutral Restroom. Provided, however, that should a separate restroom was already constructed intended for PWDs, Senior Citizens and Pregnant Women, the same shall be considered as Gender-Neutral Restroom which may be utilized by the LGBTQ community provided that the PWDs, Senior Citizens and pregnant women shall have preferential right to use the said restrooms.

Provided further, that the owners of such buildings which were already constructed without the Gender-Neutral Restrooms shall be allowed to comply with the requirement within three (3) years after the effectivity of this Provincial Ordinance.

Provided finally, that all building officials shall ensure that the construction of gender-neutral restrooms are included in the plans and specifications before issuing the necessary building permits.

Section 2. Penal Clause -- Any person who violates this ordinance or fails to comply with the construction of the Gender-Neutral Restroom in their respective establishment/s shall be penalized with a fine of Php5,000.00 or imprisonment of not less than six (6) months but not more than one (1) year, or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

The penalty provided under this Section shall be without prejudice to the imposition of administrative liability for government officials and employees.

Section 3. Repealing Clause -- All ordinances, resolutions, and rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby deemed revoked, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 4. Separability Clause -- The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared separable. Consequently, in the event that any or some of its provisions are declared invalid by a competent authority, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby.

Section 5. Effectivity Clause -- This ordinance shall take effect on the day following its publication in a local newspaper of general circulation within this Province or at the end of the period of posting for a minimum period of three (3) consecutive weeks, whichever occurs later.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.


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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing.


FATIMA F. RUIZ

Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

ATTESTED:


ATTY. MANUEL M. FORTES, JR.
Vice Governor / Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


FRANCIS JOSEPH G. ESCUDERO
Governor

Date signed: DCT 25 2019

