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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

# CERTIFICATION

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the regular session duly constituted of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Pangasinan, held on September 7, 2015 at Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial ordinance was approved:

# Authored by SP Member Raul P. Sison

## PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 193-2015

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING AND PENALIZING THE UNSAFE AND OBSTRUCTIVE ACTS OF BUS DRIVERS AND INSPECTORS WHENEVER INSPECTION/CHECKING IS EFFECTED

WHEREAS, the State recognizes the vital role of common carriers in the protection of the life of its citizens;

**WHEREAS**, the State under its police power is authorized to regulate the conduct of bus drivers and inspectors to ensure that life and safety of its people are not compromised;

WHEREAS, there is a need to enact a legislative measure to protect the life and limb of people from probable danger when traveling and to prevent unreasonable delay to other road users particularly in the Province of Pangasinan;

WHEREAS, it is not uncommon to encounter two (2) bus drivers stopping at the middle of the road to accommodate alighting and boarding inspectors;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Raul P. Sison, duly seconded -

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session duly assembled that:

Art. I. <u>Title</u>: This Ordinance shall be known as "An Ordinance Prohibiting and Penalizing the Unsafe and Obstructive Acts of Bus Drivers and Inspectors Whenever Inspection/Checking is Effected";



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## Art. II. Persons covered under the Ordinance:

- **Section 1.** All drivers of common carriers particularly buses plying the road, routes, highways of or within Province of Pangasinan.
- **Section 2.** All inspectors of common carriers particularly buses regularly plying the roads, routes and highways of or within the Province of Pangasinan.

#### Art. III. Coverage:

- **Section 1.** This Ordinance shall apply to violations committed within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Pangasinan.
- **Section 2.** It applies to all bus drivers and inspectors, regardless of their place of residence, provided that the prohibited acts are committed within Pangasinan jurisdiction.

#### Art. IV. Prohibited Acts:

- **Section 1.** It shall be unlawful and prohibited for bus drivers to make a stop in the middle of the road or highway to allow and accommodate a bus inspector.
- **Section 2.** It shall be unlawful and prohibited for bus drivers to make a stop in the middle of the road or highway to allow or authorize a bus inspector alight and board another bus also parked in the middle of the road or highway.
- **Section 3.** It shall be unlawful and prohibited for bus drivers, who make a stop in the middle of the road or highway to accommodate inspectors, to converse at unreasonable length while awaiting completion of inspection/checking.

#### Art. V. Penalties

**Section 1.** Violators who are caught for the 1<sup>st</sup> time shall pay a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) each driver or inspector.



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**Section 2.** For 2<sup>nd</sup> offenders, a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) shall be imposed or each driver or inspector.

**Section 3.** For 3<sup>rd</sup> offenders, a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) and imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days, or both after due notice and hearing.

## Art. VI. Applicability

This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication as required by law.

VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

VICE GOVERNOR JOSE FERIINAND Z. CALIMLIM, JR.

Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

Governor/