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Trece Martires City



**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 6th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF CAVITE HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2007 AT SESSION HALL, CAPITOL BUILDING, TRECE MARTIRES CITY**

**PRESENT:**

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| Hon. Juanito Victor C. Remulla, Jr. | Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer |
| Hon. Recto M. Cantimbuhan           | Temporary Majority Floor Leader |
| Hon. Alex L. Advincula              | Sanggunian Member               |
| Hon. Dencito P. Campaña             | Sanggunian Member               |
| Hon. Iluminada F. Silao             | Sanggunian Member               |
| Hon. Luis T. Pagtakhan              | Sanggunian Member               |
| Hon. Arleen C. Arayata              | ABC Prov'l. Fed. Pres.          |
| Hon. Manolito H. Credo              | SB Prov'l. Fed. Pres.           |

**ABSENT:**

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| Hon. Hermogenes C. Arayata III   | Majority Floor Leader           |
| Hon. Cesario R. del Rosario, Jr. | Assistant Majority Floor Leader |
| Hon. Eileen R. Beratio           | Sanggunian Member               |
| Hon. Hilda P. Mendoza            | Sanggunian Member               |
| Hon. Rafael S. Rodriguez         | Sanggunian Member               |
| Hon. Sophia Marie G. Pagtakhan   | SK Prov'l. Fed. Pres.           |

**RESOLUTION NO. 88-S-2007**

- WHEREAS,** Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that every local government unit shall promote the health and safety of its inhabitants;
- WHEREAS,** moving parallel with this mandate, the provincial government of Cavite has adopted different mechanism relating to public health such as preventive and curative programs like the Tutok Gamutan Program, Tuberculosis (TB) Control Program, etc.;
- WHEREAS,** based on records, despite the intensive implementation of these programs by the Provincial Health Office, TB remained to be in the top ten (10) leading causes of death among Caviteños;
- WHEREAS,** according to a study conducted by the Coalition of Concerned Caviteños Against Tuberculosis (CCCAT), a partner agency of the provincial government in promoting health and safety in the province, most TB cases are learned to be resorting to self-medication, which led victims to develop Multi-Drug Resistance;
- WHEREFORE,** to effectively curb the Multi-Drug Resistance (MDR), there is a need to enact an ordinance to this effect;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled that:

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**PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2007-003**

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING ALL OWNERS, MANAGERS AND EMPLOYEES OF DRUGSTORE/PHARMACIES WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO STRICTLY ENFORCE THE "NO PRESCRIPTION, NO DISPENSING OF ANTI-TB DRUG POLICY" AND PROVIDING PENALTIES IN VIOLATION THEREOF

**Section 1. SHORT TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known and cited as the "No Prescription, No dispensing of Anti-TB Drug Policy" ordinance.

**Section 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** It is hereby declared the policy of the Provincial Government to ensure the protection of the lives of the Caviteños. Part of this is to protect TB victims from hazardous effects of Multi-Drug Resistance (MDR), a common product of self-medication. It is further declared that in order to pose prevention to the development of MDR, any uncontrolled issuance or distribution by every pharmacy or drugstore of Anti-TB drugs shall be prohibited.

**Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- A. Pharmacy/Drugstore** – This refers to licensed drug retailer. For the purpose of this ordinance, they are used synonymously.
- B. Multi-Drug Resistance (MDR)** – This refers to a developed resistance among TB patients to two Anti-TB drugs, specifically Rifampicin and Isoniazid.
- C. Anti-TB Drug** - This refers to drugs intended to cure tuberculosis such as Rifampicin, Isoniazid, Pyrazinamide, Ethambutol and Streptomycin either in single dose or fix dose combination ( four(4) drugs in one tablet ).
- D. Valid Prescription** - This refers to prescription with the complete information such as the name of the patient, the name and signature and license number of the physician and of not more than six (6) months upon issuance.



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**Section 4. REGULATIONS.**

- A. All owners, managers, and employees of drugstore/pharmacies within the province of Cavite are hereby directed to strictly enforce the "No Prescription, No Dispensing of Anti-TB Drug Policy".
- B. No Anti-TB drugs shall be sold to any client/buyer if no valid prescription issued by a registered physician is presented during purchase.
- C. All owners and managers of drugstores/ pharmacies are hereby directed to post or display sign/s or signage/s in their premises reflecting the "No Prescription, No Dispensing of Anti-TB Drug Policy".

**Section 5. IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES**

The Provincial Health Office shall be mainly responsible in the implementing of this Ordinance. A Task Force shall be created for the purpose of disseminating the provisions of this Ordinance. A monitoring team shall likewise be formed to conduct random inspection to pharmacies/drugstores, in cooperation with the Rural Health Unit (RHU) concerned.

All Cities and Municipalities Health Offices, in partnership with the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD), shall be enjoined to strictly enforce the provisions of this ordinance. A technical working group shall also be created within their level to fully ensure the effective implementation of this regulation.

**Section 6. PENALTIES.** In case of any violation on this ordinance, the following penalties shall be imposed:

- 1. **First Offense** – A fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P 2,500.00) and stern warning for the revocation of Business Permit to operate.
- 2. **Second Offense** – A fine of Three Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P 3,500.00) and another warning for the revocation of Business Permit to operate
- 3. **Third Offense** – A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) and revocation of Business Permit to operate.



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Any collected amount from penalties hereof shall be equally shared and shall accrue to the general fund of the province and the cities / municipalities concerned in the implementation of this ordinance.

**Section 7. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication to any newspaper of local circulation and after posting to two (2) conspicuous places within the Provincial Capitol.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

*I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.*

**JOSE R. DE CASTRO, SR.**  
Provincial Board Secretary

ATTESTED:

  
**JUANITO VICTOR C. REMULLA, JR.**  
Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

  
**AYONG S. MALIKSI**  
Provincial Governor

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