



SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF GERONA, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON MONDAY, 06 AUGUST 2007 AT 9:00 A. M.

PRESENT:

- Hon. Ronjie L. Daquigan - Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer
- Hon. Edwin Aldrin R. Yamoyam - Municipal Councilor
- Hon. Agerico S. Batenga - -do-
- Hon. Raul P. Cruz - -do-
- Hon. Fred R. Isla - -do-
- Hon. Manuel C. Milla - -do-
- Hon. Pacifico L. Agudo - -do-
- Hon. Benjamin R. Nogoy - -do-
- Hon. Eduardo M. Lumagui, Jr. - -do-
- Hon. Tranquilino C. Antonio - ABC President
- Hon. Angel Chris U. Lopez - SKF President

ABSENT:

None

ORDINANCE NO. 357
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Introduced by: **COUNCILOR EDWIN ALDRIN YAMOYAM**


WHEREAS, it has been observed that the owners, proprietors and managers of video games, machines, family computers, and other similar items/machines found in amusement centers allow children below eighteen (18) years of age, particularly school children, to play video game machines not rated as fit for their age, and during school hours;

WHEREAS, most of the students are currently addicted in, and hard to contain from playing video game machines, thereby neglecting their studies and wasting their school allowances hard earned by their parents;

WHEREAS, the state, acting as *parens patriae*, has the inherent power to protect those with less than full capacity to take adequate care of their own interests;


WHEREAS, to prevent the bad effects of said activity, there is an urgent and imperative need to prohibit the same to safeguard the interest of the school children;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Gerona, Tarlac, in session assembled:


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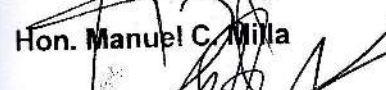

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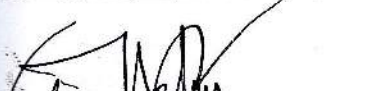
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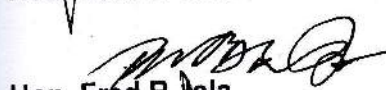

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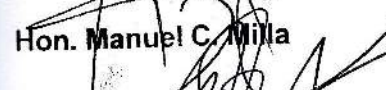

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Section 1. Prohibition. The playing of any kind of video games, machines, family computers and other similar items/machines found in amusements centers, and other similar establishments located in the Municipality of Gerona by school children below eighteen (18) years of age is hereby prohibited from 8:00 A.M. to 11.30 A.M. noon and from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Mondays to Fridays.

Section 2. Penalties. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- a) School Children below eighteen (18) years of age who will violate this ordinance shall be required to perform/conduct community service for not more than five (5) hours.
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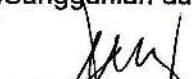
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Section 6. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and satisfaction of the provisions of the Local Government Code as to publication and posting.


I certify that the above quoted ordinance was unanimously approved by this Sangguniang Bayan during its regular session held on 06 August 2007.


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ATTESTED TO BE DULY ENACTED:


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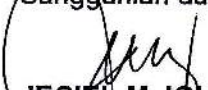
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