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**ENJOINING PROVINCES, CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO SUPPORT
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26, TITLED, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT IN PUBLIC AND ENCLOSED PLACES**

**Memorandum Circular No. 2017-147
November 3, 2017**

1.0 Background

Executive Order No. 26, titled, *Providing for the Establishment of Smoke-Free Environments in Public and Enclosed Places*, issued by President Rodrigo Duterte on 16 May 2017, invoking the Clean Air Act of 1999 and the Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003, provides for a stricter policies and measures in smoking within public places and public conveyances, distribution or purchase of tobacco products, and advertisements and promotional materials of tobacco products.

2.0 Purpose

This is to enjoin cities and municipalities to undertake measures for the efficient and effective implementation of EO 26 and at the same time, enjoin the provinces to ensure compliance by the cities and municipalities of such undertakings.

3.0 Legal Compliance

This Circular is based on Executive Order No. 26, dated May 16, 2017, a copy of which may be downloaded from <http://www.officialgazette.gov.ph>.

4.0 Scope/Coverage

All Provincial Governors, City Mayors, Municipal Mayors, ARMM Regional Governor, DILG Regional Directors and other Field Officers, and others concerned.

5.0 Policy Content and Guidelines

City and Municipal Mayors are directed to:

- 5.1 Cause the enactment of local policies reinforcing the unlawful and prohibited acts under Section 3 of EO 26;
- 5.2 Implement smoking prohibitions in all premises of government offices in accordance with existing civil service rules and regulations;
- 5.3 Ensure compliance of all Persons-in-Charge of their duties and obligations under Section 5 of EO 26;
- 5.4 Ensure that the City/Municipal Health Officers, in coordination with the Department of Health, develop, promote and implement Local Smoking Cessation Programs consistent with the National Smoking Cessation Program established pursuant to RA No. 9211;
- 5.5 Encourage the participation of public and private facilities which may be able to provide for the requirements of the Smoking Cessation Program;
- 5.6 Organize a local Smoke-free Task Force to help carry out the provisions of EO 26;
- 5.7 Provide funding support for the implementation of EO 26, in accordance with the regular government budget rules and procedure;
- 5.8 Exercise appropriate and necessary powers for the efficient and effective implementation of EO 26 towards the promotion of health, safety and general welfare.

Pursuant to Sections 465 (b)(2)(i) and 25 (a) of Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991, all **provincial governors** are hereby mandated to ensure that the component cities and municipalities and their officials comply with the above-enumerated duties and responsibilities.

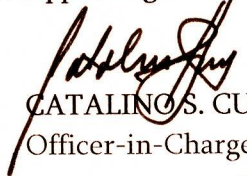
6.0 Effectivity

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

7.0 References

- 7.1 Executive Order No. 26, s. 2017
- 7.2 Clean Air Act of 1999
- 7.3 Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003
- 7.4 Local Government Code of 1991

8.0 Approving Authority


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9.0 Feedback

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