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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City, Philippines

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
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HOUSE BILL NO. **3426**



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**INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ALFRED VARGAS**

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**AN ACT**  
**REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN**  
**SCHOOL BUILDINGS**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Article 2, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that:

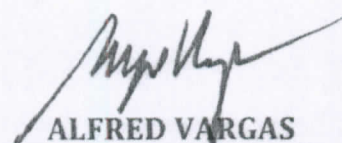
Section 15. The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, tasteless, and non-irritating toxic gas that poses an extreme danger to people when inhaled. Long term exposure to carbon monoxide can affect the memory, brain function, behavior, and cognition of humans in extreme cases, exposure to this toxic gas results in death. If inhaled, it can kill people within minutes.

Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include drowsiness and headache, followed by unconsciousness, respiratory failure, and death. First aid for a victim of carbon monoxide poisoning requires access to fresh air; administration of artificial respiration and; if available oxygen; and as soon as possible, medical attention.

In accordance with the State policy of protecting the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being of the Filipino Youth, we must ensure that our students are not susceptible to this particular toxic gas. As such, this bill requires the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in all school buildings.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representative of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

**SECTION 1. *Installation of Carbon Monoxide Detectors.*** The Secretary of Education shall adopt regulations requiring the installation of Carbon Monoxide detectors in every elementary and secondary school building where there is a substantial risk of exposure to carbon monoxide. In the determination of which school buildings have substantial risk exposure to carbon monoxide, the Department of Education shall be assisted by the Department of Health and the Local Government Unit where the particular school building is located.

**SECTION 2. *Appropriations.*** - To carry out the provisions of this Act, such amount as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National Treasury. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continuous operation of this program shall be included in the annual appropriation of the Land Transportation and Regulatory Board (LTFRB).

**SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 4. *Separability Clause*** – If any part or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5. *Effective Clause***. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days to following its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,