

Republic of the Philippines DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGIONAL OFFICE X

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A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB) REGION 10 TO ENJOIN AND REQUIRE ALL BUS OPERATORS IN REGION X TO DESIGNATE A BREASTFEEDING SEAT INSIDE THEIR BUSES

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution specifically mandates in Sec. 3 (2) of Article XV that the State shall defend the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development;

WHEREAS, Section 14 of Art. XIII of the same Constitution further mandates that the State shall protect working women by providing safe and healthful working conditions, taking into account their maternal functions, and such facilities and opportunities that will enhance their welfare and enable them to realize their full potential in the service of the nation;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the foregoing, Republic Act No. 10028 or otherwise known as the Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009 has been enacted;

WHEREAS, it has been declared that it shall be a national policy to encourage, protect and support the practice of breastfeeding;

WHEREAS, the law seeks to create an environment where basic physical, emotional, and psychological needs of mothers and infants are fulfilled through the practice of breastfeeding;

WHEREAS, the State shall further promote and encourage breastfeeding and provide the specific measures that would present opportunities for mothers to continue expressing their milk and/or breastfeeding their infant or young child;

WHEREAS, consistently, Republic Act No. 10028 mandates for the establishment of lactation stations accessible to breastfeeding women as may be appropriate, whether it be in health or non-health facilities, establishments, or institutions, including public places;

WHEREAS, to comply with the directives of RA 10028, the Regional Breastfeeding/Infant & Young Child Feeding (IYCF) Taskforce was created, bringing into the fore the cooperation and assistance of various agencies of government;

WHEREAS, in the IYCF Stakeholder's Meeting conducted last 12 October 2015, it was discussed and agreed, among others, that all bus liners travelling to and from, and/or within Region X, shall have a Breastfeeding Seat to be reserved for breastfeeding mothers;

WHEREAS, it is essential that the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) be requested to require all bus operators the designation of the Breastfeeding Seat.



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NOW THEREFORE, IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that a Breastfeeding Seat shall be designated within all bus liners operating and travelling to and from, and/or within Region X.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the second row seat, after the drivers seat of bus liners, shall be reserved for the breastfeeding mothers, taking into consideration the need for utmost privacy, decency, and safety, and observance of existing customs and traditions.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND **REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB) REGION 10**, being the government body primarily tasked to regulate operation of public land transportation services, is hereby requested to enjoin and require the designation of a Breastfeeding Seat in all buses travelling to and from, and/or within Region X, and with the seat location thereof being consistent as provided herein.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the designated Breastfeeding Seat shall be identified by placing a sticker to be provided by the Department of Health Regional Office X on the front view of the designated Breastfeeding Seat.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the bus conductor, together with the bus driver, shall both ensure that a breastfeeding mother shall properly be accommodated on the Breastfeeding Seat.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the LTFRB be requested to include the designation of Breastfeeding Seat in the Terms and Condition of Franchise.

RESOLVED ADDITIONALLY, as it is hereby resolved, that upon its approval, a copy or excerpt of this Resolution be furnished the LTFRB X, LTFRB Central Office, Department of Health Central Office, National Nutrition Council Central Office, and all members of the Taskforce for information and/or appropriate action.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that this Resolution shall remain valid and binding until modified or revoked.



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