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AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PROPRIETORS OF CINEMAS, THEATERS, COLISEUMS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR A SECTION EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND/OR OTHER DISABLED PERSONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilor FRANZ S. PUMAREN

Co-introduced by Councilors Moises S. Samson, Godofredo T. Liban

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Sponsored by Councilors Connie S. Angeles and Michael F. Planas.

WHEREAS, under the general welfare clause provided under Republic Act No. 7160, every local government unit shall exercise powers that will promote the general welfare of the people;

WHEREAS, the State, consistent with its role as *parens patriae*, is obliged to look after the welfare of the people especially the handicapped, physically or mentally disabled;

WHEREAS, to reinforce the said mandate, Republic Act No. 7160 unequivocally empowers the Sangguniang Panlungsod to approve ordinances that shall provide for the care of disabled persons;

WHEREAS, in compliance with the foregoing, it is imperative for the State to provide facilities necessary to alleviate the living conditions of the handicapped or disabled persons;

WHEREAS, to date the total number of disabled persons in Quezon City is at least nineteen thousand (19,000) or ten percent (10%) of the total population of this City;

WHEREAS, while we have gone out of our way in requiring proprietors of theaters, cinemas and other establishments to provide adequate passage for the handicapped or disabled persons, yet its quite noticeable that they have no exclusive area or section within the said establishments or in most cases they merely stay at the hallway. Such practice not only subject them to inconvenience, but may expose them to unwarranted risk or danger in case of emergencies;

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