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**AN ACT**  
**PROHIBITING THE ACTIVE USE AND DISPLAY OF COMMERCIAL**  
**BILLBOARDS DURING TYPHOONS**

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

1           **SEC. 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Bawal Billboard Tuwing  
2 Bagyo Act”.

3           **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the policy of the State to mitigate the risk  
4 of billboard-related accidents during typhoons. For this purpose, the operation of  
5 billboards during weather disturbances shall be strictly prohibited as a public safety  
6 measure for the motorists and pedestrians.

7           **SEC. 3. Prohibition on the Active Use of Billboards During Typhoons.** –  
8 All advertising materials shall be automatically taken down by the billboard operator  
9 within twelve (12) hours from an official announcement and/or release of a Typhoon  
10 Signal No. 1 bulletin, or any other significant weather disturbance by the Philippine  
11 Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA). This  
12 prohibition shall be in effect for the duration of the weather disturbance.  
13 For this purpose, contents on tarpaulin-based billboards shall be taken down, while  
14 electronic-based billboards shall be switched off during this period.

1           **SEC. 4. Penal Clause.** – Any billboard operator or person who shall violate the  
2 provisions of this Act shall be subject to a fine of not less than Three hundred thousand  
3 pesos (Php 300,000), or imprisonment of not less than six (6) months but not more  
4 than one (1) year, upon the discretion of the court.

5           **SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The Department of Public  
6 Works and Highways (DPWH), in consultation with the Metro Manila Development  
7 Authority (MMDA), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), other  
8 metropolitan councils and other relevant agencies, shall promulgate and issue the  
9 implementing rules and regulations of this Act within sixty (60) days from the effectivity  
10 thereof.

11           **SEC. 6. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations  
12 or any part thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed or modified  
13 accordingly.

14           **SEC. 7. Separability Clause.** – If any part or provision of this Act shall be  
15 declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of the law or the provision not  
16 otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

17           **SEC. 8. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
18 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation, whichever  
19 comes earlier.

20           *Approved,*