

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 9th SPECIAL SESSION OF THE 10th SANGGUNIANG
PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA
ON MAY 01, 2020.

PRESENT:

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

WHEREAS, the world is experiencing an unprecedented international health crisis due to the exponential spread of the deadly COVID-19 which affected and claimed countless lives, and severely disrupted economies;

WHEREAS, His Excellency, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Presidential Proclamations No. 922 and No. 929, series of 2020, which placed the entire country under State of Public Health Emergency, and imposed an Enhanced Community Quarantine throughout Luzon lasting until April 30, 2020, following the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in the country and to address the same;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, or IATF, is the country's lead planning authority in its fight against the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, His Excellency, President Rodrigo R. Duterte approved IATF Resolution No. 29, series of 2020 downgrading the status of some localities from Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) to General Community Quarantine (GCQ) – which included the Province of Isabela;

WHEREAS, the downgrading of the Province's status from ECQ to GCQ allowed the operation of several, select establishments and slightly relaxed the rules on mobility, work, and transportation;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Provincial Government of Isabela to ensure and promote public health and safety of its people with due regard to the general welfare of the majority;

WHEREAS, guidelines have to be established for the travel of Isabeleños within and from outside the Province in order to safeguard the health and safety of our people and ensure that no further COVID-19 transmission will occur, or at least if it were to occur, be immediately controlled and addressed;

WHEREFORE, the passage of this Ordinance is earnestly sought.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-14-2
Series of 2020

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF TRAVELLING ISABELEÑOS DURING THE EFFECTIVITY OF THE GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION HEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sponsor: HON. EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES
Chairperson, Committee on Public Security and Order

Co-Sponsor: HON. RANDOLPH JOSEPH P. ARREOLA
Member, Committee on Laws, Rules, and Regulations

Section 1. Purpose. It is the purpose of this Ordinance to regulate the transportation of Isabeleños amid the COVID-19 pandemic to limit any possibility of disease transmissions in furtherance of the Provincial Government's mandate to ensure public health and safety and promote the general welfare of its people.

Section 2. Mandatory Physical Assessment. Isabeleños seeking to return to the Province who failed or were unable to return to the Province due to the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine or any version thereof shall be subjected to mandatory physical assessment prior to entry or at the entry points of the Province to ascertain whether or not he or she exhibits the symptoms of COVID-19 or is suffering therefrom.

Section 3. Classification. After the mandatory physical assessment as provided in the previous Section, returning Isabeleños shall be classified into two categories, viz:

Classification 1. COVID-19 Positive. Shall refer to those Isabeleños who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, regardless if previously declared by proper authorities as COVID-19 free or negative; and

Classification 2. COVID-19 Negative. Shall refer to those Isabeleños who does not exhibit any symptom of COVID-19 and is certified by a duly licensed physician and the DOH as COVID-free.

Section 4. Management of COVID-19 Positives. Persons falling under Classification 1 shall immediately undergo treatment in a medical facility approved by DOH to treat COVID-19 patients.

If the COVID-19 patient is later on treated or has tested negative, he or she shall undergo mandatory quarantine for a period of twenty-one days.

After this period, the patient shall be allowed to return to his or her residence with the use of a government vehicle.

Section 5. Management of COVID-19 Negatives. Persons falling under Classification 2 shall be allowed to return to their respective LGUs but with the use of a government vehicle.

Upon arrival of such person in the LGU of his or her residence, the LGU shall place the person under strict health monitoring and strict medical surveillance in a duly designated quarantine facility for a period of fourteen (14) days.

Section 6. Inter-Municipal Travel. The cross-border travel of people between the municipalities of the Province are prohibited, except:

- a) All persons allowed to work under the IATF or DOH Guidelines on the Implementation of the General Community Quarantine, provided that he or she has secured the following documents:
 - i. Travel Pass duly issued by the Local Chief Executive;
 - ii. Worker Pass duly issued by his or her Employer; and
 - iii. Medical Certificate duly issued by a licensed Physician certifying that the person is physically fit, not pregnant, and is not suffering from any comorbidity or other similar health risk.
 - iv. Special Permit to Operate for Operators of Public Transport Vehicles, to be issued by the LTFRB. Except Tricycles which are not allowed to travel between municipalities.
- b) Government Officials, and government personnel duly ordered to proceed to work;
- c) Hospital personnel boarding vehicles of medical or health facilities;
- d) Personnel driving and boarding cargo, shipping, or delivery vehicles;
- e) Farmers or farm workers transporting their agricultural products.

Section 7. Harmonization of Number Coding Schemes. To promote the orderly implementation and cohesiveness of the traffic plans in the Province amid the COVID-19 pandemic, all local government units are hereby enjoined to adopt a number coding scheme that is in harmony and compatible with the coding schemes implemented by other LGUs.

Section 8. Limited Operation of Public Transportation. Local Government Units are hereby mandated to devise a scheme prescribing the operation of public transportation within their respective areas of jurisdiction on a scheduled basis.

Section 9. Public Transportation Operators. Public Transportation Operators shall be allowed to operate but at reduced capacities to ensure observance to physical distancing measures, and shall ensure the ready availability of disinfectants or sanitizers.

They must also ensure that passengers are wearing face masks and in the possession of a travel permit, work pass, or medical certificate, as the case may be, before boarding the vehicle.

Any operator operating a transport vehicle travelling between municipalities caught violating the physical distancing measures shall be fined Three Thousand Pesos for the First Offense; Five Thousand Pesos for the Second Offense; and the Penalty of Imprisonment not exceeding Three (3) months and cancellation of the operator's permit for the third offense.

Public tricycles and other public transportation vehicles not travelling between municipalities caught violating the physical distancing measures shall be impounded for two (2) days for the First Offense; For the Second Offense, the operator shall be fined Five Thousand Pesos, and if in case of inability to pay the fine, the vehicle shall be impounded for a period of seven (7) days; and for the Third Offense, the cancellation of the Franchise to Operate.

Any operator operating a public transportation vehicle without a Special Permit to Operate shall be a ground for the immediate cancellation of his actual Permit to Operate, and shall be penalized with a fine of Five Thousand Pesos.

Section 10. Operation of Transport Terminals. Public Transportation Terminals are hereby mandated to observe the following health and sanitary measures:

- a) Terminal personnel shall wear face masks and gloves at all times;
- b) Conduct mandatory checking of body temperature of all commuters at the entrance of the terminal, those with a temperature of 37.5 degrees centigrade or higher, even after five minutes of rest, shall not be allowed to board the establishment nor the vehicle;
- c) Establish a disinfecting facility for vehicles at its entrances;
- d) Establish disinfecting facility for passengers and commuters should be set up at strategic locations within the terminal and along the entrances; and
- e) Implement physical distancing measures to all waiting passengers, and ensure that all are wearing face masks.

Section 11. Private Vehicles. Owner of Private Vehicles shall run at reduced capacities to ensure observance to physical distancing measures. For private vehicles, only the driver in front and one passenger for each row is allowed; For Private Tricycles, only a maximum of one passenger to be seated at the passenger's seat; and for Motorcycles, only the driver.

The owner must ensure that his or her passengers are wearing face masks.

The owner of the vehicle shall be fined for violation of the physical distancing measure in the amount of Three Thousand Pesos for the First Offense; and Five Thousand Pesos for the Second and Subsequent Offenses.

Section 12. Deputization of Authority to Enforce Ordinance. The following governmental agencies and personalities are authorized, deputized, and mandated to enforce this Ordinance and to cause the citing or arrest or apprehension of any person violating this Ordinance:

- (a) Philippine National Police;
- (b) Barangay Officials, whether elected or appointed, including their deputized Barangay Tanods, in their respective barangays;
- (c) Enforcement Officers of the Land Transportation Office;
- (d) Government personnel duly designated to guard or patrol municipal checkpoints;
- (e) Other persons to be deputized by the City and Municipal Mayors with proper identification card.

Section 13. Issuance of Official Receipt to Violators. All payments made for violation of this Ordinance shall be issued with a government-recognized Official Receipt.

Section 14. Informant. Any person may provide information, including the names of the violators and other attending facts, to any Enforcing Officer regarding any occurring incident violative to this Ordinance.

The Enforcing Officer shall immediately verify the received information and if proven true, proceed to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 15. Incentives. Payments received for violation of this Ordinance shall accrue to the following persons and entities:

- 10% to the Informant;
- 40% to the Province; and
- 50% to the Apprehending Office or LGU.

Section 16. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

Section 17. Repealing Clause. All Ordinances contrary to or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 18. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval, and shall cease to be effective upon conclusion of the Province's General Community Quarantine status, as determined by proper authorities.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Isabela during its 9th Special Session on May 01, 2020.

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