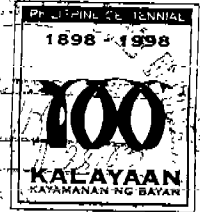




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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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November 20, 2003

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 2003-222

TO : ALL CONCERNED PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS AND DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS

SUBJECT : REITERATING DILG MC NO. 2002-188 ON THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7183, TITLED: AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF FIRECRACKERS AND OTHER PYROTECHNICS DEVICES

Published reports in the daily newspapers provide account of incidence of fire and loss of lives due to the use or manufacture of firecrackers and other pyrotechnics devices. As pointed out, most of the victims work in unregulated makeshift factories of said devices. Furthermore, the reports indicate that improper handling and non-compliance to standards in the production of such devices are often times the causes of such incidents.

In this connection, attention is again invited to the pertinent provisions of DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2002-188 dated 08 November 2002, quote:

1. All Local Chief Executives and their respective Sanggunians are further enjoined to establish their respective "Fire and Pyrotechnic Zones", through the issuance of Executive Orders or Ordinances. Such Zones shall serve as designated areas where the people could use their firecrackers and lit pyrotechnic devices, especially during the New Year's Eve, so as to protect lives and properties, and substantially minimize, if not totally eradicate, injuries due to firecrackers explosions.
2. The Local Sanggunians may also pass an ordinance totally prohibiting the manufacture, sale, distribution and use of any firecracker and pyrotechnic devices, if there is reasonable ground that terrorists groups will take advantage of the holiday season merriment for their terroristics designs.

3. The Local Chief Executives are, likewise, enjoined to convene their respective Peace and Order Councils or Committees, as the case may be, in order to formulate and adopt in their Public Safety Plans, a specific program that will protect their constituents from the danger brought about by the use of the firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices. They shall ensure that the police and other law enforcement agencies in their respective jurisdictions will implement this specific program.

4. The Provincial Governors are enjoined to see to it that local chief executives of component cities and municipalities fully observe this Memorandum Circular, for the effective implementation of Republic Act No. 7183, and ensure the safety and security of their constituents. They are also advised to encourage their constituents to support the government's effort to address terrorist threats and ensure a safe and merry celebration especially during the Yuletide season.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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