

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 522, July 30, 1974]

PRESCRIBING SANITATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OPERATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS AND FACILITIES FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONVENIENCE OF THE TRAVELING PUBLIC.

WHEREAS, public and private sectors have continuously contributed time, efforts and funds in the promotion of tourism, sanitation and in beautification campaigns throughout the land;

WHEREAS, results of surveys and observations along national highways and roads leading to tourist resorts have indicated an increase in private establishments and enterprises catering to local and foreign tourists;

WHEREAS, the influx of tourists has spawned problems as a result of insanitary conditions of physical facilities and lack of public utilities in tourist resorts, bus stops and terminals and service stations along national highways, including airports and seaports;

WHEREAS, there is need of providing for an adequate number of rest areas for passengers of public and private conveyances plying the highways to cater to the comfort and personal conveniences and needs to travellers; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of Government to regulate where necessary the basic facilities for the health and convenience of tourists and travellers in order to project a favorable image of our country and its people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree and make as part of the law of the land the following:

SECTION 1. The Department of Health, thru the Regional Sanitation Committee, is hereby empowered to inspect, investigate and issue or revoke permits to operate rest areas, service stations, eating establishments and such other facilities or amenities intended for the physical convenience of the travelling public.

SEC. 2. There are hereby created Regional Sanitation Committees in each Health Region under the Department of Health which will control, supervise and regulate the sanitation requirements in public eating places, lounges, motels, hotels, seaports, airports, and other similar establishments serving the travelling public throughout the country composed of the following:

Director, Regional Office	Chairman
Supervising Sanitary Engineer	Vice-Chairman
Provincial Health Officers	Members
City Health Officers	Members

SEC. 3. The Regional Sanitation Committees, in consultation with Provincial and City Health Officers, are hereby vested with, but not limited to, the following powers and functions: