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Comments: Given that the family is the basic unit of society and that the Constitution imposes a duty to adopt appropriate legislation for its protection, integration, well-being and social, cultural and economic development, regulation in this area is essential and should not be delayed.

L. C. DECREE No. 677.

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR,

CONSIDERING:

- I That article 32 of the Constitution recognizes the family as the basic unit of society and imposes a duty to adopt appropriate legislation for its protection, integration, well-being and social, cultural and economic development;
- II That in accordance with article 271 of the Constitution, it is especially important to harmonize secondary legislation with constitutional principles, it being understood that such concordance is particularly necessary and indispensable in matters pertaining to the family, considering that this is a regulation of the Civil Code of 1860;
- III That this duty cannot be deferred, namely harmonizing domestic legislation on matters relating to the family and minors with the provisions of ratified international treaties and conventions, which constitutionally have primacy over domestic law, to avoid the possibility of a conflict of laws on the same topic, which would be prejudicial to legal security and certainty; and
- IV That in matters pertaining to the family, it is particularly important to regulate issues relating to minors and young adults, save for matters within the jurisdiction of the special juvenile justice system referred to in article 35 of the Constitution;(5)

THEREFORE,

By exercising their constitutional powers and on the initiative of the President of the Republic acting through the Minister of Justice and the deputies Raúl Manuel Somoza Alfaro y Marcos Alfredo Valladares Melgar,

The following FAMILY CODE

is hereby DECREED:

PROHIBITION OF SALES OF HARMFUL SUBSTANCES

Art. 369. It shall be prohibited to sell or supply to minors alcoholic beverages, tobacco, narcotics, hallucinogens or substances that cause physical or psychological dependence.

PROHIBITION OF SALES OF IMMORAL MATERIAL

Art. 372. It shall be prohibited to sell or supply to minors books, illustrations, videos, magazines, objects or any other reproduction containing written or recorded material, drawings or photographs that could be considered contrary to the morals and the dignity of minors.

Magazines, publications and films for minors should contain no illustrations, photographs, notices, reports or advertisements for alcoholic beverages, tobacco, narcotics, or hallucinogens that cause physical or psychological dependence, arms or ammunition, nor any other content injurious to the minor's moral education.