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Chamber of Commerce Opposes Consumer Bill

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The Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce expressed its opposition Thursday to a bill that would prohibit businesses from including in their bills of sale any service charge that does not detail its origin, saying that the Department of Consumer Affairs (DACO) already covers that eventuality.

Senate Bill 1557 was filed by Sens. Luis Daniel Rivera Filomeno and Eduardo Bhatia at the end of last month after press reports revealed the existence of restaurants that include services charges in the bill and don't specify what the charge is for.

The measure would create the "Law for Transparency in the Sales Receipt."

Héctor Mayol, interim executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, said the objective of the measure is already contained in the Regulations Against False Practices and Announcements administered by DACO.

Mayol cited Rule 7, specifically section B point 14 of the rule, which provides language almost identical to

the bill currently under analysis by the Labor Relations, Consumer Affairs and Creation of Employment Committee of the Senate presided over by Rivera Filomeno.

In essence, DACO prohibits charging for services "when said services are nonexistent or not susceptible to being corroborated."

"For the business, the dispositions of the rule are clear and you have to comply with them," Mayol said during a public hearing before the Senate committee. "That being the case, it doesn't seem to us necessary to attend to this matter in Senate Bill 1557."

"The Legislative Assembly must continue to leave the practices between businesses and consumers in DACO's hands and allow it the flexibility to regulate," he added.

Mayol noted further that the Chamber of Commerce rejects the practices attributed to certain restaurants and affirmed that the chamber advocates greater transparency in commercial transactions.

"You can look at what [DACO] is doing and look at the charter of the agency to see if this law needs amending, because there is a process established in administrative law to deal with these situations," Mayol said.



AVISO AMBIENTAL

INTENCIÓN DE RENOVAR PERMISO DE INYECCIÓN SUBTERRÁNEA

El peticionario, Sr. Ricardo Ramón Rivera, cuya dirección postal es PO Box 343, Aguas Buenas, Puerto Rico 00703, ha solicitado a la Junta de Calidad Ambiental (JCA) la **Renovación del Permiso de Operación UIC-84-05-0010**, para un sistema de inyección subterránea (SIS) Clase VI, bajo las disposiciones del Reglamento para el Control de la Inyección Subterránea (RCIS) y la Ley Federal de Aguas Potable Segura, según enmendada 42 USC 302f et seq. (LFAPS).

El SIS consiste de un tanque de retención de 11.16 pies de ancho por 11.16 pies de largo por 7.16 pies de profundidad líquida con una capacidad de 5,670 galones, para el almacenamiento de agua de lavado de los tanques de transferencia. El retén SIS está ubicado en las instalaciones de Barroquin Correa, Inc., localizado en la Carretera PR-873, Km 0.2, Barrio Tortuga, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Luego de realizada la evaluación correspondiente de los documentos sometidos, la JCA tiene la intención de renovar el Permiso de Operación para la instalación antes mencionada en conformidad con los requisitos del RCIS y de la LFAPS.

Esta notificación se hace para informar que la JCA, ha preparado el borrador del permiso de forma tal que el público interesado pueda someter sus comentarios con relación a los mismos. El permiso contiene las condiciones y prohibiciones necesarias para cumplir con los requisitos reglamentarios aplicables.

El público puede evaluar copia de la solicitud de permiso que sometió el peticionario ante la JCA, el borrador del permiso y otros documentos relevantes en el Área de Calidad de Agua de la JCA, cuya oficina está localizada en el Piso 3 Ala A del Edificio Agencias Ambientales Cruz A. Malco, Urbanización San José Industrial Park, Avenida Ponce e de León 1575, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Copia de dichos documentos pueden adquirirse en la Oficina de Secretaría, entre las 8:00 am y las 4:00 pm de lunes a viernes o escribiendo a la siguiente dirección: Junta de Calidad Ambiental, PO Box 11498, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00910.

Las partes interesadas o afectadas pueden enviar sus comentarios por escrito a la Gerencia Interna del Área de Calidad de Agua o solicitar una vista pública por escrito al Director Ejecutivo de la JCA, a la dirección antes indicada.

Los comentarios por escrito o la solicitud de vistas públicas deberán ser sometidos a la JCA, no más tarde de treinta (30) días a partir de la fecha de publicación de este aviso. La fecha límite para someter comentarios puede ser extendida si se estima necesario o apropiado para el interés público. La solicitud para una vista pública deberá señalar la razón o las razones que en la opinión del solicitante ameritan la celebración de la misma. De realizarse una vista pública los interesados o afectados tendrán una oportunidad razonable para presentar evidencia o testimonio sobre si se emite o deniega el permiso, si el Director Ejecutivo determina que dicha vista es necesaria o apropiada.

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Disney Plans to Build 2 New Cruise Ships

Disney Cruise Line announced Thursday that it is building two new ships. The new vessels are scheduled to be completed in 2021 and 2023. They will be built at the Meyer Werft shipyard in Germany.

The new ships will each have about 1,250 staterooms, and will be slightly larger than Disney's newest ships, Disney Dream and Disney Fantasy. The company has two other ships as well, Disney Magic, and its first ship, Disney Wonder, which launched in 1998.

Design plans, ship names and itineraries for the new vessels are still in development. The announcement was made Thursday by Walt Disney CEO Bob Iger in Chicago at the annual meeting of company shareholders. The new vessels will be Disney's first ships since Disney Fantasy launched in 2012.

Disney ships are loaded with company branding, including activities, shows, decor and venues all themed on Disney characters and story lines. But they're also known for innovation, like virtual portholes in windowless staterooms that provide real-time views of the sea using video technology. That concept has since been copied elsewhere in the cruise industry. And while families are the cruise line's natural fan base, the ships also attract cruisers traveling without children.

In the most recent batch of annual awards from CruiseCritic.com, Disney Cruise Line won 11 first-place awards, including, for Disney Dream, wins in the categories of best overall large ship, best for families, best cabins and best public rooms.

"Disney is consistently rated one of the top cruise lines on Cruise Critic by our members, and it's a line known for moving the needle with new and state-of-the-art features, so we expect the same high quality touches and focus on innovation will be incorporated on the new ships as well," said Colleen McDaniel, managing editor of CruiseCritic.com.

