

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 806



Introduced by Representative Harlin Cast. Abayon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 16 of Article II of the Constitution provides:

“The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature,”

In the pursuance to the above quoted State policy, the attached bill seeks to prohibit the use of plastic bags as packaging materials of goods sold by sari-sari stores, groceries, market vendors sidewalk vendors, hawkers, department stores and similar establishments.

The wanton disposal of non-biodegradable waste particularly plastic bags clogged sewerage systems and waterways, resulting to the flooding in Metro Manila and other urban areas. The government spends millions of pesos in the cleaning of esteros, canals, and other waterways, including the declogging of sewerage system. It also affects public health and safety that it becomes imperative to address this environmental problems.

Hence, approval of the bill is earnestly urged.


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AN ACT
PROHIBITING THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS, STYROFOAM, ALUMINUM FOILS
AND NON-BIODEGRADABLE MATERIALS, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Any provision of existing laws to the country notwithstanding, the use of plastic bags, Styrofoam, aluminum foils and non-biodegradable materials as packaging materials of goods sold by sari-sari stores, groceries, market vendors, sidewalk vendors, hawkers, department stores and similar establishment is hereby prohibited.

SECTION 2. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this Act shall suffer an imprisonment of not less than thirty (30) days nor more than two (2) years or a fine of not less than one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) nor more than ten thousand pesos (P 10,000.00) or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

If the violator is a corporation, firm, or other corporate entity, its business permit shall be revoked and the maximum penalty shall be imposed upon the president, manager, director, or persons responsible for its operations.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national news papers of general circulation.

Approved,