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EXPLANATORY NOTE

There is a universal snowballing crusade to preserve and conservation our natural heritage. This environmental cause has grown to be one of the most imperative concerns of all States.

It is in the light of this concern that this bill is filed. Specifically, this measure sets a general policy to require manufacturers to use recyclable materials for the packaging of consumer products. By doing so, the manufacturers will be contributing in a significant way to the limitation of the discharge of non-biodegradable elements in our environment. In turn, the manufacturers that will comply with this mandate shall be granted some form of tax incentive.

Approval of this measure is recommended.


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**AN ACT MANDATING THE USE OF RECYCLABLE OR BIODEGRADABLE
MATERIALS FOR THE PACKAGING OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS**

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby declared the policy of the State to conserve and preserve nature. In this respect, the use of recyclable and biodegradable materials is mandated in the manufacturing process of consumer goods.

SECTION 2. *Definition of terms.* As used in this Act, the following terms shall be construed as follows:

- a) "Recyclable" shall mean the quality of a material which makes it useful to be used again in any manufacturing process.
- b) "Biodegradable" shall mean the quality of being organically assimilated in the natural setting.
- c) "Consumer goods" shall refer to items for sale manufactured in high-volume for a mass market.

SECTION 3. *Tax Incentive.* Any business or non-business entity which shall undertake the effort of using recyclable and biodegradable

materials for the packaging of consumer goods shall enjoy a tax deductibility privilege on its income tax to the extent of the proven cost of the recyclable or biodegradable material on its production process.

SECTION 3. *Implementing Agencies Rules and Regulations.* The necessary rules and regulations to effectively carry out the purposes of this Act shall be promulgated by the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, orders, letters of instructions, rules and regulations or part or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions or any provisions of this Act, are hereby amended, modified, repealed or superseded insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of any of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* - If any provisions of this Act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, the remainder of this Act not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,