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Introduced by Representative JAIME C. LOPEZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As enshrined in our Constitution, the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balance and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. To realized this, there is therefore an urgent need to address one of our immediate problems which is ecological destruction.

It is a common knowledge especially here in the metropolis that our garbage is one, if not, the real cause of environmental disaster. It is due to garbage that our water, air and land have become so polluted which in turn caused diseases and even death of our people particularly those n the slum areas. The garbage that is seen in our surroundings has also caused the flooding of our streets and in the clogging of our canals and drainage. To an extent greater than often realized, our surroundings have become more unsanitary an unhealthy and is aggravated by the fact that we do not have the discipline and good habits cleaning and preserving our environment. Worse, the harmful effects of methane which is emitted by garbage is more dangerous than carbon dioxide.

While there have been various oriented groups which have been concerned in solving the garbage and pollution problem, they have approached the problem in different ways and diverse methods. What seems to be lacking still is a unified, definitive stand on the part of our national government to clearly address the pressing problem on garbage and pollution. It is therefore but proper that a potent working force be organized to see to it that policies and programs to solve these problem be made and adopted and for all such policies, programs and directive be carried out and properly implemented. To this end, everybody beginning with the government itself would become involve in providing concrete and tangible solutions to resolve the garbage and pollution problem. Also, it is now high time that cleanliness, like all other values and virtues, begins at home. What is more, we are a country gifted and blessed with rich natural resources and the preservation of all these beauty and bounty lies in caring and loving our environment.

Hence, the establishment of a commission that will be tasked principally to promote recycling and to take charge of solid wastes management and environment sanitation, is in order.

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AN ACT
TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL RECYCLING COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Statement of Policy - It shall be the policy of the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balance and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. And towards this end, to adopt a unified, definitive stand and concerted action in addressing the most serious problem confronting this basic right which concededly is collection, management and control of solid waste through the establishment of a National Recycling Commission.

SECTION 2. Creation of the National Recycling Commission - There is hereby created the National Recycling Commission which will be composed as follows:

a.) A full-time Chairman and Chief Executive Officer to be appointed by the President of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission on Appointments who shall serve fro a term of four (4) years;

b.) The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources as ex-officio Member;

c.) The Secretary of Health as ex-officio member,

d.) The Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports as ex-officio members;

e.) The Secretary of Science and Technology as ex-officio member;

f.) The Secretary of Public Works and Highways as ex-officio members;

g.) The Secretary of Budget and Management as ex-officio members;

h.) The Chairman of the Manila Metropolitan Authority as ex-officio members;

i.) Four (4) members of the private sector to be appointed by the President of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission on Appointment.

SECTION 3. The Commission shall appoint such other officers and employee as may be determined by the Commission subject to civil service law, rules and regulations.

SECTION 4. Functions, Powers and Duties - The Commission shall have the following powers;

(a) To formulate comprehensive and integrated national recycling policies and adopt programs for the promotion of recycling in the Philippines as a means of (i) conserving and maximizing nation's resources through the promotion of the use and re-use of recyclable materials, (ii) unifying and giving vision to the various recycling projects and program of diverse groups throughout the country, (iii) making the Philippines the prime example of a National Recycling Program to the international community;

(b) To review and update such policies and program periodically;

(c) To implement such policies and programs as maybe adopted;

(d) To control, supervise, construct, maintain, operate and provide such facilities or services, as shall be necessary for the success of the recycling program;

(e) To sue and be sued in its corporate name;

(f) To adopt and use a corporate seal;

(g) To coordinate the implementation and enforcement of all laws relative to the development and promotion of recycling in the Philippines;

(h) To call upon and utilize any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality public or private for such assistance as it may require in the performance of its functions;

(i) To perform such other functions as provided by law.

SECTION 5. All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations or administrative regulations, or parts hereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.