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Introduced by the **Honorable ROILO GOLEZ**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The need for effective waste management has waste management has always been a nagging issue. And it will continue to be as such so long as we do not provide measures that will ensure reduction of waste at its very source.

This is where we should empower the barangay.

The barangay is the lowest political unit in the hierarchy of local government administration. Although the lowest, the barangay is the most powerful since they deal directly with the body politic - they are the eyes and ears of a humongous government bureaucracy and hence, the frontline service unit in the whole government machinery.

This bill provides for the establishment of garbage recycling center for every barangay nationwide as the barangay is believed to be in the best position to handle curbside recycling. Recycling, being a communal activity enhances the sharing of responsibilities and the promotion of *esprit de corps* among neighbors. Economically, such an activity could also be translated into actual income for the use of the barangay.

Immediate passage of this measure is requested.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A RECYCLING CENTER IN EVERY BARANGAY
NATIONWIDE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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 protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. To this end, there is hereby established a recycling center in every barangay nationwide, aimed at: (a) promoting and providing for a healthful environment; (b) reducing waste generated at source; (c) enhancing the capability of the barangay in environment and solid waste management; and (d) providing for income from garbage as revenue source for barangays.

SEC. 2. *Local Government Solid Waste Management Plan and the Establishment of Garbage Centers.* - The Department of Environment and natural Resources through its Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), in consultation with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Leagues of local government units shall undertake the establishment of garbage recycling center for every barangay throughout the Philippines, except in Metropolitan Manila area where the EMB shall coordinate with the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA).

The establishment of a recycling center shall be an integral part of a local solid waste management plan to be developed and implemented in consultation with appropriate agencies of government, other local government units, people's organizations, nongovernmental organizations, and private enterprises: *Provided*, That the local solid waste management plan conforms to the standards set by EMB: *Provided further*, That the plan shall contain provisions for resource conservation or recovery facilities for recycling, reuse and resource recovery in a manner that is environmentally sound.

SEC. 3. *Site.* - The center shall be established in a barangay-owned or -leased land or any suitable space to be determined by the barangay through its Sanggunian. The determination of site and actual establishment of the center shall likewise be subject to the standards set by the EMB.

SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and for the next five (5) years, within which establishment of these centers shall have been completed in every barangay nationwide. Thereafter, the barangay shall set aside a fixed amount or percentage of its budget for the upkeep and maintenance of the center: *Provided*, That any income that shall accrue from the operation of the center shall be considered income for the barangay and shall be entered in its book of account.

SEC. 5. *Rules and Regulations.* - Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the EMB pursuant to Section 2 of hereof shall issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All acts, presidential decrees, executive orders and issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or inoperative, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 8. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,