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HOUSE BILL NO. 1120

Introduced by Honorable Roger Gaviola Mercado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

While proper garbage disposal or segregation can somehow ease the problem, its enormity is obviously beyond the reach of these remedies.

This bill seeks to become part of the solution in the sense that in case litters will not be cleaned for one reason or another, the biodegradable feature of litters would enable itself to decompose naturally without further action.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is hereby being earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Gaviola Mercado".

ROGER GAVIOLA MERCADO

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AN ACT

MANDATING FOOD MANUFACTURERS/RE-PACKERS/MARKETERS TO USE BIODEGRADABLE MATERIALS FOR WRAPPERS/PACKAGES OF THEIR PRODUCTS.

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

SECTION 1. Definition of terms. For purposes of implementing this act, the following terms shall be interpreted to mean as follows:

Biodegradable materials-shall mean as the kind of material that can be easily decomposed by nature in due time without need to further processing;

- a.) Food manufacturers – shall refer to manufacturing outfits producing or processing in commercial scale food items such as candies, chewing gums, hamburgers, French fries, cakes, siopao, biscuits, cookies, and other similar food items which can be wrapped for purposes portability;
- b.) Marketers – shall refer to commercial outfits selling food items which re-packed their sold items under their trade names;
- c.) Re-packers – shall refer to outfits selling their services to repacked commercial items for large or small scale marketing distribution.

SECTION 2. All food manufacturers, food processors, marketers and re-packers shall use biodegradable materials in wrapping and packaging their food products for commercial distribution or selling.

SECTION 3. *Penal Clause.* Any person who is proven to have violated this Act shall be meted a penalty of not less than five hundred thousand pesos (P 500,000.00) or not more than ten million pesos (P10,000,000.00) and an imprisonment of not less one year and one day and not more than five years.

SECTION 4. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED,