

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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House Bill No. **4561**

Introduced by Representative **Carlo V. Lopez**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the light of the worsening garbage and pollution problem, it becomes imperative that we know how to segregate compostable garbage from non-compostable garbage. By way of sorting out our garbage properly, we will be able to convert through recycling these garbage into viable resources which could still be used for some other purpose. Further, sorting our garbage would protect the value of whatever materials we can get out of these garbage and likewise prevent undue contamination that would lead to unsanitary, unhealthy and unnecessary hazardous toxic waste. In this manner, we will not just think and act by pure instinct as to whether or not we should throw everything away immediately but rather think and act wisely on how to devise some means or methods that would enable us to utilize whatever materials we can derive from these garbage. For this purpose, we are even harnessing our God-given talents and skills in developing our resourcefulness, creativity and ingenuity.

Hence, this bill seeks to require the teaching of recycling and composting in the elementary and secondary levels for our students to acquire the proper information, ways and methods of recycling and composting. Giving them the right orientation for this would create greater consciousness and awareness in them to share their knowledge about recycling and composting to other members of their family and household and perhaps even to their neighbors as well.

In proposing to integrate in the curriculum in the elementary and secondary levels within our educational system the teaching of recycling and composting, our main purpose is not simply to teach how to reduce, reuse and recycle. Through education, we hope to achieve a greater objective which is more to impart the correct values, proper attitude, right discipline, good training and the rigid, constant and consistent practice of good habits that are presumably instilled and ingrained in our daily life activities. Having these values and qualities will enable us to actively participate and cooperate in the efforts of our government and all other concerned individuals in solving the garbage and pollution problems without the

need of any authority, institution or individuals, telling or reminding us what to do and how to do it.

In view thereof, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT

DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCLUDE IN THE CURRICULUM OF ALL ELEMENATRY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS THE TEACHING OF RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING AS PART OF THE HEALTH SUBJECT.

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

Section 1. The Department of Education shall include in the curriculum of all elementary and secondary levels in all public and private schools the teaching of recycling and composting as part of the health subject.

Section 2. All laws, acts, decrees, executive orders, proclamations or administration regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith are repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved.