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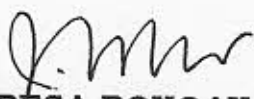
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Despite the passage of several critical environmental laws like the Solid Waste Management Act, the Clean Air Act, the National Integrated Protected Areas System Act, and the Clean Water Act, there seems to be a lack of awareness among the Filipinos especially the youth regarding the state of our environment and the much needed protection thereof as embodied in these laws.

This Bill seeks to create awareness on the plight of our environment and what needs to be done to improve on its protection like waste segregation, recycling, forest conservation and management, clean emissions, clean water discharge, and marine conservation. This Bill likewise seeks to include environmental education as part of the curriculum in the Elementary and High School as well as part of National Service Training Program for college and vocational courses.

For these reasons, approval of this Bill is urgently sought.


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**AN ACT TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND
PRESCRIBING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION TO ELEMENTARY
AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

Section 1. - Title. - This Act shall be known as "*The Environmental Awareness and Education Act of 2006.*"

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is mandate of the Philippine Constitution that "the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature" (Article 11, Section 16).

Section 3. - Definition of Terms. -

- a. "CHED" shall mean the Commission on Higher Education
- b. "DepEd" shall mean the Department of Education.
- c. "DENR" shall mean the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.
- d. "Elementary" shall mean Primary Education as defined in the Education Act of 1982.
- e. "Environmental Education Curriculum" shall mean the courses or subjects offered in Elementary and High School primarily dealing with the students' awareness of the protection and conservation of the environment including waste segregation and recycling.

- f. "High School" shall mean Secondary Education as defined in the Education Act of 1982.
- g. "TESDA" shall mean Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.

Section 4. *Infer-Agency and Multi-Sectoral Effort.* - The DENR shall lead in the implementation of the comprehensive public education and awareness program on environmental protection and conservation through collaborative inter-agency and multi-sectoral effort at all levels.

Section 5. *Environmental Education in Elementary and High School.* - The DepEd shall formulate the Environmental Education Curriculum, in coordination with the DENR, to be taught in Elementary and High School.

Section 6. *Environmental Education and Activities as Part of National Service Training Program.* - The CHED and TESDA shall include environmental education and awareness programs and activities in the National Service Training Program under Republic Act No. 9163, as part of the Civic Welfare Training Service component required for all Baccalaureate degree courses and vocational courses with a curriculum of at least two years, such as, but not limited to the following: tree planting activities; recycling and composting programs; Marine Conservation Programs; Forest Management and Conservation; and other such programs to aid the implementation of the different environmental protection laws.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 9. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.

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