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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is a common knowledge that improper waste disposal wrecks havoc on health and the environment. But despite this knowledge, the public is still reluctant or unable to practice proper waste disposal. Perhaps it is because people have gotten used to their old ways of improperly disposing garbage.

By instilling proper waste disposal at an early age of an individual, proper waste disposal can easily become a habit. By the time the young ones mature and will become the ones disposing their wastes, the habit can easily set in. This can only be done by including as a subject in elementary education the "Proper Waste Disposal". The passage of this bill will break old habits of improperly disposing wastes.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.

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**"AN ACT MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF "PROPER WASTE DISPOSAL"
AS A SUBJECT IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION"**

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

1 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby the policy of the state to protect
2 the environment from the improper disposal of wastes.

3 SECTION 2. *Provision.* - A subject to be named "Proper Waste Disposal" is
4 hereby mandated to be included as part of elementary education subjects in all
5 public and private schools or any other educational institution for that matter.

6 For this purpose the said subject shall include lessons that will bring
7 consciousness to students on existing laws relative to waste disposal such as
8 Presidential Decree No. 856, 'The Clean Air Act' and other related laws,
9 ordinances, rules, and regulations.

10 SECTION 3. *Implementation.* - The Department of Education is hereby
11 mandated to issue the implementing rules and regulation and in if necessary,

1 include in its annual budget the amount needed to implement the provisions of this
2 Act.

3 SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any provisions of this Act or part hereof is
4 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not
5 otherwise affected shall remain valid and in effect.

6 SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
7 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule of regulation contrary
8 to or inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended
9 accordingly.

10 SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
11 after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of
12 general circulation.

13 Approved,