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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Environmental protection is of no doubt a concern for everybody. We all know that when a forest is denuded, it could cause flash floods or landslides. Elevated carbon dioxide levels can cause global warming and the result is a devastating climate change. We all seem to be complacent while knowing the consequences of neglecting the environment but recent calamities like typhoon and heavy rains that brings unprecedented levels of flooding and landslides that claimed the lives and properties of many, only heightened our concern. Despite these concerns, no comprehensive law or measure has been created to protect the environment.

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


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AN ACT
MANDATING THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE CONDUCT
OF GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR AFFAIRS OR BUSINESS

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby the policy of the state to protect the environment in the conduct of public or private affairs or business.

SECTION 2. *Coverage.* For purposes of implementing this Act, the term environment protection shall be construed to mean any of the following:

- a) Adopting a procedure to recycle waste and dispose garbage properly;
- b) Avoiding the dumping of waste in waterways or along the shorelines;
- c) Refraining the use of vehicles that heavily pollutes the air;
- d) Avoiding the use of plastic and styrofoam as much as possible;
- e) Minimizing the use of paper materials;
- f) Adopting a program to minimize the use of water and electricity;
- g) Ensuring wastewater quality prior to its dumping into waterways;

- h) Encouraging use of sustainable or renewable energy:
- i) Periodic planting of trees and refraining its cutting thereof:
- j) Ensuring the prevention of burning of anything including wastes:

SECTION 3. The national government agencies, the judiciary, local government units, government owned or controlled corporations, constitutional agencies, government instrumentalities, the armed forces, national police, private corporations and individuals are hereby mandated to protect the environment by adopting any of the provisions applicable under the preceding section of this Act.

SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulation.* The Department of Environment and Natural Resources is hereby mandated to come up with the implementing rules and regulation for the purpose of implementing this Act.

SECTION 5. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources shall include in their annual budget the necessary amount to ensure the proper implementation of this Act.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, rules, regulations, decrees inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) day after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.