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HOUSE BILL NO. 637



Introduced by **CHRISTOPHER S. CO** and **RODEL M. BATOCABE**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Recent studies have shown that using used cooking oil as cooking oil for human consumption poses health hazards because reheating the oil produces toxins which increase the risks of diseases. However, there have been reports that packs of used cooking oil have mushroomed in the markets because these were a lot cheaper.

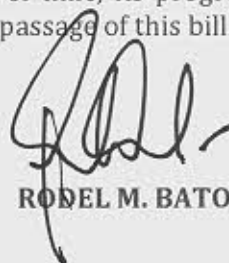
The use of recycled cooking oil has its many dangers; this practice has led to increased incidents of hypertension, damage to the liver, and it can also be a potential cause of cancer. Other countries, particularly in China and Malaysia, have also made efforts to curb this unhealthy practice.

A number of cities already recognized this as an issue to be resolved, the most prominent of these being San Juan City. This bill now seeks a nationwide implementation of the prohibition of the selling of used cooking oil for human consumption, and provides for penalties for retailers who continue to sell them, or authorize the selling of such.

To encourage the recycling of cooking oil while putting an end to this unhealthy practice, the bill seeks to prohibit only the sale of used cooking oil for human consumption, and encourage its use for fuel and industrial purposes.

The bill was filed in the 15th Congress but for lack of time, its progress was halted at the committee level. In light of all these circumstances, the swift passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SELLING AND RETAILING OF USED COOKING OIL FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. **Title.** This act shall be known as the "Anti-Used Cooking Oil Act of 2013."

SECTION 2. **Prohibition on the sale of used cooking oil.** It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to buy and/or sell used cooking oil, except for industrial purposes, such as, but is not limited to the following: homemade biodiesel fuel, lubricant, soap-making, and weather-proofing of exterior woodwork.

SECTION 3. **Prohibiting the selling of used cooking oil for human consumption.** The penalty of a fine of not less than Ten Thousand Pesos (Php 10,000.00) but not more than Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50,000.00) shall be imposed upon any person, retailer, proprietor, corporation or local government unit who shall sell, or otherwise authorize to sell, used cooking oil that is not to be used for industrial purposes.

SECTION 4. **Liability of Officials and Juridical Persons.** If the person is a partnership, firm, corporation, or association, the president or the manager or any officer thereof who knows or should have known the commission of the offense shall be liable.

SECTION 5. **Accreditation of Retailers.** Used cooking oil shall only be distributed to accredited retailers and/or users. The Department of Trade and Industry shall promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations within thirty (30) days from the enactment of this Act.

SECTION 6. **Presumption of Illegality.** The sale of used cooking oil to any person not an accredited retailer shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this law.

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 inconsistent with, the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 9. **Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.