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EXPLANATORY NOTE

As the country continues to tread the path towards greater development and prosperity, it has left behind a trail of pollution and destruction. Evident in our streets, major thoroughfares, to the winding sewer systems, major waterways, bodies of water, and even high up in the mountains, is the dire dilemma of massive environmental degradation. Only recently, environmental group Greenpeace has labeled the Philippines as the third-worst polluter of the world's oceans. This, among other studies offer a sobering account of just how much our reckless abandon for environmental protection has caused great inconvenience to our country, but also the entire world.

There is an increasing demand for sustainable and environment-friendly production and consumption, not only because of limited resources, but also for the sake of maintaining a healthful and balanced ecology. The Government must work harder to address pollution and environmental degradation if this country aspires to reach the pinnacle of success—a success that shall redound to all Filipinos and their generations to come.

As such, under this Act, consumer product packaging is hereby mandated to use biodegradable and recyclable materials so as to provide a level of conservation measures in the production level.

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



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AN ACT
MANDATING THE USE OF RECYCLABLE OR BIODEGRADABLE MATERIALS FOR
THE PACKAGING OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS

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

SECTION 1. Short Title.—This Act shall be known as the “**Recyclable and Biodegradable Packaging Act of 2018.**”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.—It is hereby declared the policy of the State to ensure conservation and preservation of our natural environment. The use of recyclable and biodegradable materials is hereby mandated in the manufacturing process of consumer goods.

SEC. 3. Definition of Terms.—As used in this Act:

a. **Biodegradable** shall mean the quality of being organically assimilated in the natural setting.

b. **Consumer goods** shall refer to items for sale manufactured in high volume for mass market.

c. **Recyclable** shall mean the quality of material which makes it useful to be used again in any manufacturing process

SEC. 4. Incentive.—Any business or non-business entity which shall undertake the effort of using recyclable and biodegradable materials for the packaging of consumer goods shall enjoy a tax deductibility privilege on its income tax to the extent of the proven cost of the recyclable or biodegradable material on its production process.

1 **SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.**—Within sixty (60) days from the passage of
2 this Act, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall promulgate the necessary
3 rules and regulations for the successful implementation of this Act.
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5 **SEC. 6. Repealing Clause.**—All laws, executive orders, executive issuances, or letters of
6 instructions, or any part thereof, inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act, are
7 hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.
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9 **SEC. 7. Separability Clause.**—If for any reason, any section or provision of this Act shall
10 be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts thereof not affected shall remain valid.
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12 **SEC. 8. Effectivity.**—This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at
13 least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,