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House Bill No. 8657



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

As a manifestation of support to this timely piece of legislation, this representation respectfully refiles this bill, which has constantly been receiving support from the past and present Congress.

Despite the enactment of RA 9003 or also known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, the country is still burdened by the worsening problem on solid waste management. It is the belief of this representation that there is an urgent need for the government to further improve its efforts in curbing the alarming level of waste generation in the country.

The proposed measure aims to mandate the use of recyclable and biodegradable materials in the manufacturing of consumer goods. It is the hope of the proposed measure that by introducing such practice, the trash generated will be significantly reduced. This measure does not singlehandedly address the issue at hand, but it is surely among the different policy actions that can strengthen the promotion of environment-friendly practices.

In this light, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT MANDATING THE USE OF RECYCLABLE 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. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to ensure conservation and preservation of our natural resources. The use of recyclable and biodegradable materials is hereby mandated in the manufacturing process of consumer goods.

SEC. 2. Definition of Terms. - As used in this Act, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- a. Biodegradable - shall mean the quality of being organically assimilated in the natural setting.
- b. Consumer products - shall refer to items for sale manufactured in high volume for a mass market.
- c. Recyclable - shall mean the quality of material which makes it useful to be used again in any manufacturing process.

SEC. 3. 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.

SEC. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 5. Separability Clause. - If any provision or part of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. - All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,