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EXPLANATORY NOTE

A charger is an essential need for a smartphone user. Removal of the charger means that devices will not be capable of functioning out of the box. The removal of accessories to phones and other gadgets will be a cost burden to users.

Users generally upgrade their phones to catch up with the latest technology trend. According to Counterpoint Research Refurbished Handset Tracker, the "sold as is" is much higher than the trade-ins. In the "sold as is" scenario, the buyers expect the accessories along with the device. In this case, if in-box accessories will not be included, one of the parties will have to bear the cost of accessories.

This measure aims to protect users and consumers for possible burden if in-box accessories such as chargers and headphones will not be included in new smartphones and other gadgets.

Thus, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT BANNING THE SALE OF MOBILE PHONES AND OTHER GADGETS
WITHOUT IN-BOX ACCESSORIES SUCH AS CHARGERS AND HEADPHONES IN
THE PHILIPPINES**

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 “Lingkod Smartphone User’s Protection Act”

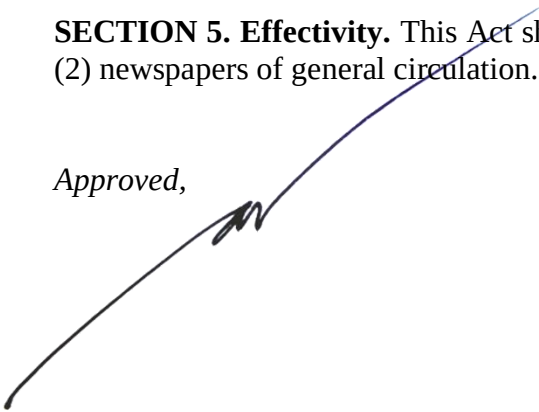
SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the State to protect the interests of the consumer, promote his general welfare and to establish standards of conduct for business and industry.

SECTION 3. Ban on Sale. The sale of any devices and gadget such as smartphones and tablet phones WITHOUT IN-BOX ACCESSORIES is hereby banned in the country.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, issuances or portion thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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