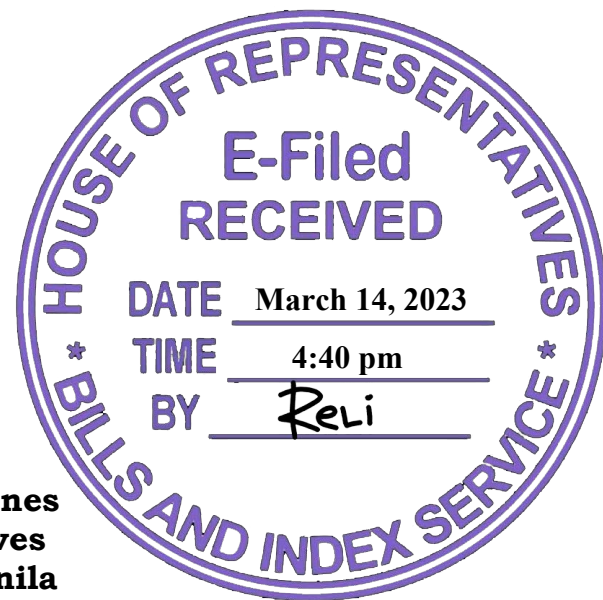




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure mandates the implementation of a Solid Waste Redemption and Recovery System in all cities and municipalities, with guidance from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Trade and Industry, and other relevant agencies. The salient features of this bill include:

- Cities and municipalities shall establish a buy-back or redemption and recovery centers that shall facilitate the exchange of recyclable wastes for cash, rice, goods, or other similar items.
- Government agencies shall establish a Hazardous Waste Recovery Protocols and Reporting System to enable individuals to report on the location of suspected hazardous waste and to deploy trained and equipped personnel to recover the hazardous waste.
- Government agencies shall enable private corporations and government-owned or controlled corporations with the specific mission of redeeming and recovering plastic waste. It shall include a combination of mechanisms and incentives for corporate social responsibility programs and non-tax incentives.
- Government agencies shall conduct nationwide public information, education and communication campaigns in barangays, educational institutions, workplaces and offices.

Hence, the passage of this measure is sought.

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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SOLID WASTE REDEMPTION AND RECOVERY SYSTEM
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Solid Waste
2 Redemption and Recovery Act.”
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4 SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to adopt a systematic,
5 comprehensive and ecological solid waste management program which shall:
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- 7 a. Ensure the protection of the public health and environment;
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9 b. Utilize environmentally-sound methods that maximize the utilization of
10 valuable resources and encourage resource conservation and recovery;
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12 c. Set the guidelines and targets for solid waste avoidance and volume
13 reduction through source reduction and waste minimization measures,
14 including composting, recycling, re-use, recovery, green charcoal process,
15 and other processes, before collection, treatment and disposal in
16 appropriate and environmentally sound solid waste management facilities
17 in accordance with ecologically sustainable development principles;
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19 d. Ensure the proper segregation, collection, transport, storage, treatment
20 and disposal of solid waste through the formulation and adoption of the
21 best environmental practice in ecological waste management excluding
22 incineration;
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24 e. Promote national research and development programs for improved solid
25 waste management and resource conservation techniques, more effective

1 institutional arrangement, and indigenous and improved methods of waste
2 reduction, collection, separation and recovery;

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4 f. Encourage greater private sector participation in solid waste management;

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6 g. Retain primary enforcement and responsibility of solid waste management
7 with local government units and establish a cooperative effort between and
8 among the national government, local government units, non- government
9 organizations, and the private sector;

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11 h. Encourage cooperation and self-regulation among waste generators
12 through the application of market-based instruments;

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14 i. Institutionalize public participation in the development and
15 implementation of integrated, comprehensive, and ecological waste
16 management programs at the national and local level; and

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18 j. Strengthen the integration of ecological solid waste management and
19 resource conservation and recovery concepts into the academic curricula
20 of formal and non-formal education in order to promote environmental
21 awareness and action among the citizenry.

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23 SEC. 3. Solid Waste Redemption and Recovery System. – There is hereby
24 established a waste redemption and recovery system wherein any person may
25 exchange through buy-back or redemption and recovery centers, collected
26 recyclable solid wastes such as plastic bottles, wrappers, bags, sachets, metal
27 canisters, unserviceable or used electrical and electronic devices, discarded
28 hardware, recyclable computer parts, and other recyclable wastes, for cash or
29 rice, water, canned goods and basic household consumer items.

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31 All cities and municipalities shall establish in every barangay under their
32 jurisdiction a solid waste buy-back or redemption and recovery center which
33 shall facilitate the exchange of recyclable wastes for cash or rice, goods or other
34 similar items.

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36 The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall, in
37 collaboration with the Department of Agriculture (DA) and Department of Trade
38 and Industry (DTI), determine the reasonable exchange values for graduated
39 weights or volumes of solid wastes.

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41 The minimum exchange value of one kilogram of non-hazardous and recyclable
42 plastic wastes is one kilogram of commercial quality rice or its cash equivalent,
43 while for one kilogram of metallic non-hazardous recyclable waste is two
44 kilograms of commercial quality rice or its cash equivalent.

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46 SEC. 4. Hazardous Waste Recovery Incentive. – The DENR, DTI and DA shall
47 establish the Hazardous Waste Recovery Protocols and Reporting System,
48 through which individuals may report the exact location and details of a
49 suspected hazardous waste, so that especially trained and equipped personnel
50 or teams may be deployed to safely recover the hazardous waste. The Hazardous
51 Waste Recovery Protocols and Reporting System shall have a cash reward or
52 incentive feature to encourage the public to help the government pinpoint and
53 confirm the exact location of hazardous wastes.

1 SEC. 5. Systemic Recovery of Solid Wastes. – To encourage large -scale,
2 corporate-level systemic recovery of solid wastes, the DENR, DTI, and
3 Department of Finance are hereby mandated to jointly adapt the carbon credits
4 system for reducing carbon emissions.

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6 These national government agencies shall enable private corporations and
7 government-owned or controlled corporations to establish special purpose
8 corporations or enter into joint ventures with the specific mission of redeeming
9 and recovering plastic waste. It shall include a combination of mechanisms and
10 incentives for corporate social responsibility programs and non-tax incentives.

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12 SEC. 6. Public Information, Education, and Communication. – To adequately
13 inform the general public about the purposes, mechanisms, and incentives of
14 this Act, the Philippine Information Agency as well as implementing government
15 agencies shall conduct nationwide public information, education and
16 communication campaigns in barangays, educational institutions, workplaces
17 and offices.

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19 SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within sixty (60) days from the
20 effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources shall,
21 in consultation with the Department of Trade and Industry and the Department
22 of the Interior and Local Government, issue the necessary rules and regulations
23 for the effective implementation of this Act.

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25 SEC. 8. Appropriations. – The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources
26 shall immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of
27 this Act. Thereafter, the amount necessary to implement this Act shall be
28 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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30 SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. – All laws, executive orders, and administrative orders
31 or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed
32 or amended accordingly.

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34 SEC. 10. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
35 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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37 Approved,