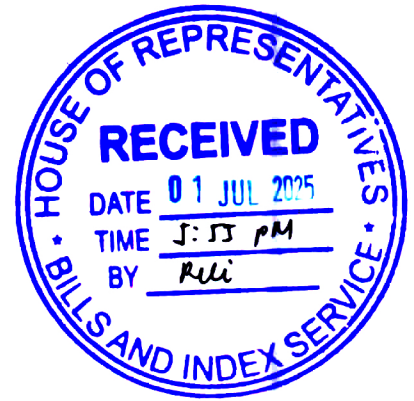


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House Bill No. **986**



Introduced by **Rep. ANGELO MARCOS BARBA**
2nd District, Ilocos Norte

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The problem of waste management and sanitation in the Philippines continues to persist despite the presence of national and local legislations mandating and establishments encouraging such operation. This is primarily because people, in general, still lack the discipline and respect to public space. They continue to either throw their waste or leave their trash anywhere. One viable solution that can be seen to mitigate this recurring concern is regulating the practice of *Clean As You Go* (CLAYGO).

CLAYGO is a waste management program and strategy that aims to reduce the amount of waste generated by establishments through promoting proper waste segregation and encouraging the use of reusable materials. In addition to addressing the problem at hand as regards waste segregation, this proposed measure intends to promote a culture of cleanliness, discipline, and environmental responsibility. Based on the principles of “self-help” and “self-discipline,” the CLAYGO Act can help promote goodwill, stronger societal ties, and patriotism. Succinctly put, this bill aims to promote environmental sustainability and to create a cleaner, greener, more sustainable, and more disciplined Philippines, and to eventually encourage everyone to do their part in protecting the environment.

Several neighbor countries, such as Japan¹ and Singapore², have been implementing CLAYGO for the longest time as part of nation-building and instilling discipline. Meanwhile, it remains to be a trivial concern in the Philippines. While there are initiatives from local government units, such as in

¹ Tayag, N. (2022, November 19). ‘CLAYGO’ as a way of life. *Business Mirror*. Retrieved February 22, 2023, from <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2022/11/19/claygo-as-a-way-of-life/>

² Leonardia, C.A. (2022, October 28). CLAYGO where?. *The Visayan Daily Star (Opinion)*. Retrieved February 22, 2023, from <https://visayandailystar.com/claygo-where/>

Baguio³, Iloilo⁴, and Davao⁵, and from higher education institutions like the Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU), Naval State University (NSU) (now Biliran Province State University or BPSU), De La Salle University (DLSU), and Adamson University (AdU)⁶ encouraging and implementing such practice, there is yet to have a national legislative measure concurrently institutionalizing and mandating the CLAYGO practice.

This specific measure provides that all restaurants, with the exemption of fine dining restaurants, fast food chains, cafeterias, eateries, canteens, and all similar food establishments, will be required to provide three garbage bins for biodegradable, non-biodegradable, and recyclable materials. The State shall also promote information dissemination regarding the mandatory policy and practice of CLAYGO in all public food establishments.

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



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³ Agoot, L. CLAYGO ordinance seen to promote discipline in Baguio. (2022, August 19). *Philippine News Agency*. Retrieved February 23, 2023, from <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1181719>

⁴ Lena, P. (2020, January 15). 'Clean as you go' pushed in Iloilo City. *Philippine News Agency*. Retrieved February 23, 2023, from <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1090862#:~:text=CLAYGO%20is%20a%20%E2%80%9Cpractice%20that%20their%20premises%2C%20the%20ordinance%20added.>

⁵ Daugdaug, K. (2022, November 15). Councilor eyes 'Claygo' ordinance in Davao City. *Sunstar Davao*. Retrieved February 23, 2023, from <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1946132/davao/local-news/councilor-eyes-claygo-ordinance-in-davao-city>

⁶ FILIPINO Students, Don't lean it's time to clean! AR-U-GO? (n.d.). *Change.org*. Retrieved February 27, 2023, from <https://www.change.org/p/deped-filipino-students-don-t-lean-it-s-time-to-clean-ar-u-go>

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AN ACT
ADVOCATING CLEANLINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL
RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH MANDATING AND
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CLEAN AS YOU GO (CLAYGO)
POLICY IN ALL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “CLAYGO Act of 2025.”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is declared policy of the State to promote cleanliness, nation-building, and to instill goodwill and environmental responsibility among businesses and individuals towards environmental sustainability.

SECTION 3. Coverage. – This Act shall cover restaurants, canteens, cafeterias, coffee shops, eateries, fast food chains, food outlets, and all similar food and public eating establishments.

SECTION 4. Requirements. – All food establishments shall be required to:

- a. Install and display signages and other promotional materials on “Clean As You Go” (CLAYGO) practices and proper way of segregating waste within their premises;
- b. Encourage the use and utilization of reusable materials, such as cloth bags and refillable water bottles, among others, to reduce waste;
- c. Provide a minimum of three (3) garbage bins for biodegradable, non-biodegradable, and recyclable materials;
- d. Provide a designated depository area for tray returns and other non-disposable tableware; and
- e. Segregate properly their own waste for recycling and composting.

SECTION 5. *Exemption.* – Food establishments that provide premium food handling services and offer an atmosphere of unique hospitality, such as Fine Dining restaurants, are hereby exempted from this Act.

SECTION 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Trade and Industry shall, in coordination with the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, other concerned government agencies, and accredited non-government organizations, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,