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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Philippines

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2947



Introduced by Representative Kathryn Joyce F. Gorriceta, M.D.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is drowning in waste.

Despite the passage of Republic Act No. 9003, or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, the country continues to generate over 60,000 metric tons of waste daily, much of which ends up in rivers, oceans, and overflowing landfills. The problem is not only one of volume, but of **accountability and sustainability**. While consumers are often blamed, producers and businesses play an equally critical role in the life cycle of waste, and yet remain largely unaccountable.

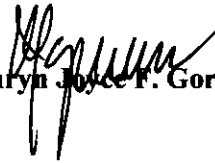
This bill seeks to **strengthen RA 9003** by introducing the **National Waste Reduction and Reuse Act**, a bold step toward making every business responsible for the waste they create through **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)** - not just large corporations, but **all enterprises**, regardless of size or industry.

Under this measure, all businesses will be mandated to recover, reuse, or recycle their post-consumer packaging waste. In addition, the bill sets **clear standards for sustainable packaging**, including the transition to **reusable, recyclable, or compostable materials**, a necessary shift as the country grapples with an escalating plastic crisis.

Importantly, this proposed legislation does not just regulate - it **incentivizes**. It offers **tax benefits and financing access** for businesses that embrace circular practices, green innovation, and packaging reform. This empowers entrepreneurs and MSMEs to lead in sustainable transformation rather than be left behind.

The time for half-measures is over. Waste is not simply an environmental concern—it is a public health threat, an economic burden, and a generational injustice. We owe it to future Filipinos to act now, not with promises, but with policy.

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


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**AN ACT STRENGTHENING WASTE REDUCTION AND REUSE IN THE PHILIPPINES
THROUGH MANDATORY EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL
BUSINESSES, SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING STANDARDS, AND INCENTIVES FOR
CIRCULAR ECONOMY PRACTICES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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 "**Enhanced National Waste Reduction and Reuse Act of 2025.**"

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is the policy of the State to protect the environment and public health by reducing solid waste at the source, promoting reuse, and enforcing the principle of extended producer responsibility (EPR) in all industries.

SECTION 3. *Coverage.* This Act shall apply to **all businesses**, including micro, small, medium, and large enterprises, that manufacture, distribute, or sell products using plastic, paper, metal, or multi-layer packaging.

SECTION 4. *Mandatory Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).* All enterprises must establish or participate in EPR programs that ensure the **collection, recovery, reuse, or recycling** of their post-consumer packaging. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall issue tiered EPR compliance standards based on business size and product type.

SECTION 5. *Sustainable Packaging Standards.* Within three (3) years of the effectivity of this Act:

- All product packaging must be reusable, compostable, or recyclable.

- **Single-use plastics** and non-biodegradable packaging shall be phased out, unless exempted under DENR guidelines.

SECTION 6. Tax Incentives for Circular Businesses. Enterprises engaged in waste reduction innovation, reuse systems, composting, and circular product design shall be eligible for:

- **Tax credits** equivalent to 15% of expenses related to sustainable packaging or waste reduction programs;
- **Priority access to government green financing** and procurement programs.

SECTION 7. Monitoring and Enforcement.

- The DENR shall develop an **EPR Registry** and audit system for all covered entities.
- Non-compliant businesses may face **fines ranging from ₱50,000 to ₱3 million**, depending on violation severity and frequency.

SECTION 8. Information Campaign. The DENR and DTI shall lead a **nationwide education campaign** on proper segregation, reuse, and business EPR responsibilities.

SECTION 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The DENR, in consultation with the DTI, DOF, and civil society, shall issue the IRR within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 10. Funding. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SECTION 11. Repealing Clause. All laws, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 12. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,