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HOUSE BILL NO. **5590**



Introduced by: **REP. SALVADOR A. PLEYTO, SR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The world, and our nation specifically, is facing an unprecedented environmental crisis driven in large part by the massive, uncontrolled proliferation of single-use plastic products. These items, designed to be used for mere minutes before being discarded, are major contributors to plastic pollution in our landfills, waterways, and marine environments.

Current data shows that the majority of plastic waste is not effectively recycled. Instead, it accumulates, degrading into microplastics that contaminate our soil, water sources, and air, ultimately posing severe risks to human health, wildlife, and critical ecosystems, including fisheries and agricultural lands. The economic costs associated with waste management, ecosystem degradation, and potential public health issues far outweigh the convenience offered by these disposable items.

While some Local Government Units (LGUs) have implemented piecemeal bans, a unified, comprehensive national strategy is urgently needed to address this problem at its source: the manufacturing and import stage, and to ensure compliance and a level playing field across the entire country.

This measure, entitled the "Single-Use Plastic Reduction Act of 2025," seeks to establish a clear, national policy that prioritizes a healthy environment over short-term commercial convenience.

The primary objective of this bill is to prohibit the production, import, distribution, sale, and commercial use of specified single-use plastic products nationwide, including bags, straws, stirrers, and expanded polystyrene containers. An exemption is provided to ensure that critical sectors like healthcare, medical services, and certain food safety applications (e.g., raw meat packaging) are not compromised, allowing for essential plastic usage in cases where no safe or hygienic alternative is currently viable.

This Act provides for a one (1) year transition period from its effective date, allowing businesses ample time to exhaust existing inventories, modify supply chains, and invest in sustainable alternatives.

The passage of this bill is an imperative step toward fulfilling the constitutional mandate to protect the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology, securing a cleaner, more sustainable future for the Nation. Hence, its immediate approval is hereby earnestly sought.



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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONWIDE BAN ON THE PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, SALE, AND USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS FOR NECESSARY APPLICATIONS, ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR THE PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVES, IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, 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 "Single-Use Plastic Reduction Act of 2025."

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. The uncontrolled proliferation of single-use plastic products poses a significant threat to public health, marine and terrestrial ecosystems, and the long-term sustainability of the nation's environment.

The State shall therefore adopt a policy of eliminating single-use plastics and promoting sustainable, reusable, and biodegradable alternatives across all sectors.

SEC. 3. Definition of Terms. - For the purpose of this Act, the following terms shall mean:

1. "Single-Use Plastic Product" refers to any plastic item intended to be used once before it is discarded, including, but not limited to: plastic bags (excluding those used for raw meat, poultry, or fish); straws; stirrers; plates, cups, and cutlery; expanded polystyrene (styrofoam) containers; plastic-based food and beverage containers; and any product with a lifespan typically less than 30 days.
2. "Biodegradable" refers to an item capable of being decomposed by bacteria or other living organisms, without oxygen, typically within a period of six months.

3. "Compostable" refers to an item capable of undergoing biological decomposition in a compost site, such that the material breaks down into carbon dioxide, water, inorganic compounds, and biomass, at a rate consistent with known compostable materials, and leaves no visible, distinguishable, or toxic residue.

SEC. 4. *Prohibited Acts.* - Effective one (1) year from the date of effectivity of this Act, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to:

1. Produce or Manufacture any single-use plastic product within the national territory for sale or distribution.
2. Import any single-use plastic product.
3. Sell, Distribute, or Offer for Free any single-use plastic product to a consumer at the point of sale, service, or delivery.
4. Use single-use plastic foodware (such as cutlery, plates, and cups) at any government facility, public event, or by any commercial establishment.

SEC. 5. *Exemptions.* - The following are exempt from the prohibitions of this Act:

1. Medical and Healthcare Items: Single-use plastic products required for sterile packaging, hygiene, or essential medical and surgical procedures.
2. Pre-packaged Food: Plastic films and wrappings used for hygiene and safety purposes on pre-packaged raw meat, poultry, fish, and certain perishable produce, until a viable non-plastic alternative is certified by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).
3. Chemical and Industrial Safety: Plastic containers necessary for the storage, transport, or handling of hazardous chemicals or industrial materials where alternative materials pose a safety risk.

SEC. 6. *Transition and Alternative Promotion.*

1. The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), in coordination with the DOST and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), shall establish a Plastic Alternative Transition Fund to provide incentives, grants, and technical assistance to local businesses and manufacturers for the research, development, and adoption of non-plastic, reusable, biodegradable, or compostable alternatives.
2. The DTI and DENR shall conduct a nationwide Public Awareness and Education Campaign to inform the public about the ban, promote the use of reusable items, and encourage responsible waste management.

SEC. 7. *Penalties for Violation.* - Any person, corporation, partnership, or other entity found to be in violation of Section 4 of this Act shall be penalized as follows:

A. For Retailers and End-Users (Commercial Establishments):

- First Offense : A fine of Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) and a warning.
- Second Offense : A fine of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) and suspension of business permit for three (3) months.
- Third Offense : A fine of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) and permanent revocation of business permit.

B. For Producers, Manufacturers, Importers, and Distributors:

- First Offense : A fine of One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) and confiscation of all prohibited stock.
- Second Offense : A fine of Five Million Pesos (P5,000,000.00) and suspension of all relevant environmental and operating permits for one (1) year.
- Third Offense : A fine of Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000.00), permanent closure of the establishment, and blacklisting from all government contracts.

SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* - Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DENR, in coordination with the DTI, DOST, Department of Health (DOH), and the local government units (LGUs), shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of the Act or the provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 11. *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,