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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5660



Introduced by Representative **MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The growing volume of solid waste generated in public eating establishments has become a pressing concern in urban and rural communities alike. Despite the existence of national policies on waste management, the lack of consistent and visible practices in restaurants, canteens, and similar venues continues to contribute to environmental degradation and public health risks.

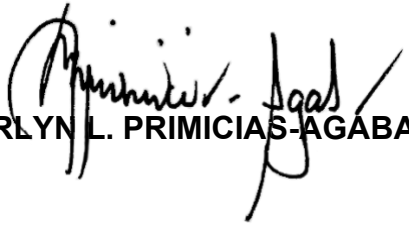
This proposed bill seeks to institutionalize a culture of cleanliness and environmental responsibility in all food establishments across the country. By requiring the installation of signages, the provision of waste segregation bins, and the encouragement of reusable materials, this measure aims to reinforce the values of discipline and stewardship among both business operators and patrons.

This bill is anchored on the declared policy of the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology, as enshrined in *Article II, Section 16* of the *1987 Constitution*. It also complements the objectives of Republic Act No. 9003, or the "*Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000*," which mandates the segregation of wastes at source and the adoption of environmentally sound methods to minimize waste generation and promote recycling.

Furthermore, this bill recognizes the vital role of the private sector in nation-building and environmental protection. By engaging food establishments as active partners in waste reduction, the bill supports the broader goals of sustainable development and responsible consumption.

The passage of this measure will not only help reduce the environmental footprint of the food service industry but will also foster a sense of shared responsibility among Filipinos. It is hoped that, through this Act, the practice of "clean as you go" will become second nature to all, contributing to cleaner communities and a healthier environment for future generations.

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


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AN ACT
PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ‘CLEAN AS YOU GO’ (CLAYGO) PRACTICES 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,