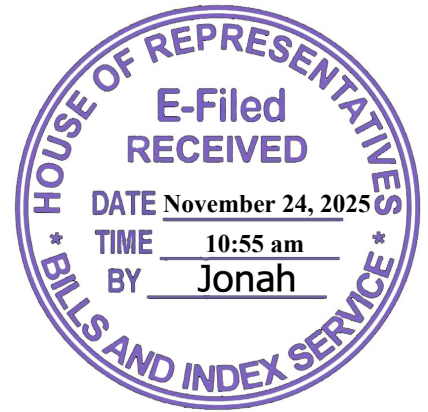


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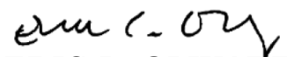
Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Constitution declares it the policy of the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

The Philippines remains one of the world's largest contributors of plastic pollution, with millions of tons of plastic waste generated annually and only a small fraction recycled. Despite the enactment of Republic Act No. 9003 or the "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000," plastic waste continues to accumulate in waterways, landfills, and coastal areas, posing serious threats to ecosystems and human health.

This proposed measure upholds that mandate by imposing an excise tax on single-use plastic bags to reduce plastic waste, encourage more sustainable alternatives, and strengthen environmental protection programs at the local level.

Importantly, this proposed measure was approved on Third Reading by the House of Representatives in the 19th Congress, demonstrating broad recognition of the urgency and importance of curbing single-use plastic pollution.

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


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“AN ACT
IMPOSING EXCISE TAX ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS, AMENDING
THE PURPOSE SECTION 288 AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 150-C IN
THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

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 Bags Tax Act.”

SECTION. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature through the proper exercise of its power of taxation.

SECTION. 3. A new section designated as Section 150-C of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended, is hereby added to read as follows:

“SEC. 150-C. SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS. –

(A) RATE AND BASE OF TAX. – THERE SHALL BE LEVIED, ASSESSED, AND COLLECTED AN EXCISE TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED PESOS (PHP100.00) FOR EVERY KILOGRAM OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAG REMOVED FROM THE PLACE OF PRODUCTION OR RELEASED FROM THE CUSTODY OF THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS.

THE EXCISE TAX RATE IMPOSED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE INCREASED AUTOMATICALLY BY FOUR PERCENT (4%) EVERY JANUARY 1 FOLLOWING THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT. THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE SHALL ISSUE REVENUE REGULATIONS SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ANNOUNCING AND IMPLEMENTING THE RATE AS MATHEMATICALLY COMPUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PROVISION.

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS REFER TO THIN-FILM, FLEXIBLE PLASTIC BAGS MADE OF SYNTHETIC OR SEMI-SYNTHETIC POLYMER MATERIALS, WITH OR WITHOUT HANDLES, COMMONLY KNOWN AS “ICE BAGS,” “LABO BAGS,” OR “SANDO BAGS,” DESIGNED AND INTENDED FOR ONE-TIME USE AS PACKAGING OR CARRYING MATERIAL FOR GOODS OR PRODUCTS, AS MAY BE FURTHER DEFINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI)

(B) FILING OF RETURN AND PAYMENT OF EXCISE TAX ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS. – THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS AND OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, ON THE FILING OF RETURN AND PAYMENT OF EXCISE TAX SHALL APPLY.

(C) NON-PAYMENT OF EXCISE TAX. – NON-PAYMENT OF THE EXCISE TAX IMPOSED UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS UNDER TITLES VIII AND X OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, REGARDING COLLECTION OF UNPAID TAXES AND IMPOSITION OF CORRESPONDING FINES, SURCHARGES, PENALTIES, AND IMPRISONMENT OR CLOSURE OF BUSINESS.”

SECTION. 4. Section 288 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

*“SEC. 288. Disposition of Incremental **AND OTHER** Revenues. –*

(A) xxx

(B) xxx

(C) xxx

(D) xxx

(E) xxx

(F) xxx

(G) xxx

(H) DISPOSITION OF INCREMENTAL REVENUES FROM THE EXCISE TAX ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS. –

THE INCREMENTAL REVENUES FROM THE IMPOSITION OF THE EXCISE TAX ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9003, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2000' IN MUNICIPALITIES."

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Finance shall, upon the recommendation of the Commissioners of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Bureau of Customs and, in consultation with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, issue and promulgate rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication either in the *Official Gazette* or in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,