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HOUSE BILL NO. 8208



Introduced by **ANG PROBINSYANO**
Party-List Representative Alfred Delos Santos

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Constitution guarantees the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. Complementarily, Article XIV, Section 1 mandates the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and to make such education accessible to all.

The rapid expansion of digital technology has resulted in a corresponding increase in waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE), commonly referred to as electronic waste or e-waste. Obsolete computers, mobile phones, tablets, and related devices contain hazardous components that, if improperly disposed of, pose significant risks to human health and the environment. While regulatory mechanisms exist for hazardous waste management, household-level disposal systems for electronic waste remain fragmented and insufficiently accessible.

At the same time, access to digital devices has become an indispensable component of modern education. The experience during the COVID-19 pandemic revealed a substantial digital divide among Filipino students, many of whom lack adequate computing devices necessary for blended or technology-assisted learning. Even with the return to in-person instruction, digital access remains integral to research, communication, and academic compliance.

This measure seeks to address these dual policy concerns, environmental sustainability and educational access, through the institutionalization of an Electronics Donation and Recycling Program. By requiring manufacturers and retailers of electronic devices to establish accessible donation and recycling booths, the measure promotes responsible e-waste management while facilitating the recovery of still-functional devices for redistribution to public school students through the Department of Education.

The proposed framework advances extended producer and retailer responsibility, enhances consumer participation in proper disposal practices, and strengthens inter-agency coordination among the Department of Trade and Industry, the Department of

Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of Information and Communications Technology, and the Department of Education.

By integrating environmental protection with social development objectives, this bill promotes ecological stewardship, resource efficiency, and educational equity.

Based on the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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ALFRED C. DELOS SANTOS
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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRONICS DONATION AND RECYCLING
PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL
STUDENTS, ADDRESS THE DEMANDS OF THE MODERN SOCIETY AND
PROMOTE EFFECTIVE ELECTRONIC WASTE MANAGEMENT**

*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 “Electronics Donation
and Recycling Act.”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to
promote and protect the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord
with the rhythm and harmony of nature. In consonance with this objective, the
proliferation of electronic waste must be addressed through a program that encourages
the proper recycling of electronic gadgets.

It is likewise the declared policy of our State that it shall give priority to education,
science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism,
accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development. To
realize the said mandate of our Constitution, the State must create an efficient and
effective program that will channel disposed of still fit-for-use electronic gadgets to the
appropriate facilities for the use of poor students.

SECTION 3. *Electronics Donation and Recycling Program.* – All manufacturers and
retailers of electronic gadgets shall be required to establish and set up donation and
recycling booths within the premises of their sales outlets, stores, service centers, and
similar locations all over the country for processing and accepting electronic gadgets
intended for donation and/or recycling.

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), in coordination with the
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Department of
Information and Communications Technology (DICT), shall issue specific guidelines
regarding the layout, contents, sorting, and recycling processes, simple repairs required

for donation items and other relevant details for the operation and maintenance of these booths.

DTI shall maintain a publicly accessible website containing the following: (1) a detailed and updated list of sales outlets, stores, service centers, etc. which have donations and recycling booths within their premises; (2) contact information of those listed in no.1; (3) basic information on electronics donation and recycling; and (4) hotline/s for inquiries, feedbacks, and reporting of problems and issues.

SECTION 4. *Destination of Collected Electronic Gadgets.* – For collected gadgets that are intended for donation, the recipient shall be the Department of Education (DepEd) for distribution to underprivileged students, subject to appropriate guidelines to be issued by the said agency. For collected gadgets that are intended for recycling, the same shall be disposed of or turned over to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)-accredited facilities capable of recycling electronic gadgets and components.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (6) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DTI, in coordination with the DICT, DepEd, DENR, and other relevant government agencies and stakeholders shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules, regulations, and other issuance, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Act shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,