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House Bill No. 8530



Introduced by Representatives JEFFREY SORIANO and JOCELYN P. TULFO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to strengthen the enforcement of the country's solid waste management policies by institutionalizing local clean-up teams and increasing the fines and penalties imposed under Republic Act No. 9003, otherwise known as the "*Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000*."

Clean and properly maintained waterways, public spaces, and communities are essential to environmental sustainability, public health, and disaster resilience. Rivers, creeks, canals, and drainage systems play an important role in supporting biodiversity, sustaining livelihoods, and mitigating flooding. However, illegal dumping, littering, and other forms of improper waste disposal continue to pollute these areas and undermine solid waste management efforts. These practices contribute to clogged waterways, environmental degradation, and sanitation problems in many communities.

While Republic Act No. 9003 established a comprehensive framework for ecological solid waste management, enforcement gaps and outdated penalties have weakened its deterrent effect. The fines currently imposed under the law no longer reflect present economic realities and are often insufficient to discourage violations. Strengthening enforcement and ensuring that penalties remain meaningful are therefore necessary to promote greater public discipline in waste management.

To address these concerns, this measure mandates the establishment of Local Clean-Up Teams in every city and municipality. These teams, composed of personnel from the local government unit, barangay officials, and accredited community volunteers, will respond promptly to incidents of illegal dumping, littering, and other violations of the Act. They will conduct waste removal, restore affected areas, and implement preventive measures in coordination with the Solid Waste Management Board. Individuals penalized with community service may likewise be assigned to assist these teams during the duration of their service.

By strengthening local enforcement mechanisms and ensuring that penalties remain meaningful and responsive to present conditions, this measure seeks to

promote greater public discipline in waste disposal and reinforce the country's commitment to environmental protection.

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



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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING LOCAL CLEAN-UP TEAMS AND INCREASING THE
FINES AND PENALTIES IMPOSED UNDER THE "ECOLOGICAL SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2000," AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9003, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ECOLOGICAL
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2000"

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. A new Section 11- A is hereby inserted after Section 11 of Republic Act No. 9003, otherwise known as the *Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000*, to read as follows:

"SEC. 11-A. CREATION OF LOCAL CLEAN-UP TEAMS. – EACH CITY AND MUNICIPALITY SHALL ESTABLISH A CLEAN-UP TEAM, COMPOSED OF PERSONNEL FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, BARANGAY OFFICIALS, AND ACCREDITED COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS, TASKED TO IMMEDIATELY RESPOND TO INCIDENTS OF ILLEGAL DUMPING, LITTERING, OR OTHER VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT. THE CLEAN-UP TEAM SHALL CONDUCT WASTE REMOVAL, SITE RESTORATION, AND IMPLEMENT PREVENTIVE MEASURES, IN COORDINATION WITH THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD.

PERSONS PENALIZED UNDER THIS ACT WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE, PARTICULARLY UNDER SECTION 49 (A), MAY BE ASSIGNED AS PART OF THE LOCAL CLEAN-UP TEAMS FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR SERVICE, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT."

SEC. 2. Section 49 of Republic Act No. 9003, otherwise known as the "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000," is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 49. Fines and Penalties. –

- (a) Any person who violates Sec. 48, paragraph (1) shall, upon conviction, be punished with a fine of not less than [Three hundred pesos (P300.00)] **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P120,000.00)** [but not more than One thousand pesos (P1,000.00)] **FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P400,000.00)** or render community service for not less than one (1) day to not more than fifteen (15) days to an LGU where such prohibited acts are committed, or both;
- (b) Any person who violates Sec. 48, pars. (2) and (3), shall, upon conviction, be punished with a fine of not less than [Three hundred pesos (P300.00)] **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P120,000.00)** but not more than [One thousand pesos (P1,000.00)] **FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P400,000.00)** or imprisonment of not less than one (1) day to not more than fifteen (15) days, or both;
- (c) Any person who violates Sec. 48 pars. (4), (5), (6), and (7) shall, upon conviction, be punished with a fine of not less than [One thousand pesos (P1,000.00)] **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P120,000.00)** but not more than [Three thousand pesos (P3,000.00)] **THREE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND PESOS (P360,000.00)** or imprisonment of not less than fifteen (15) days but not more than six (6) months, or both;
- (d) **PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) SHALL AUTOMATICALLY ADJUST THE FINES HEREIN IMPOSED UNDER PARAGRAPHS (A), (B), AND (C) EVERY THREE (3) YEARS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) AS PUBLISHED BY THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA), ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST PESO."**

SEC. 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,