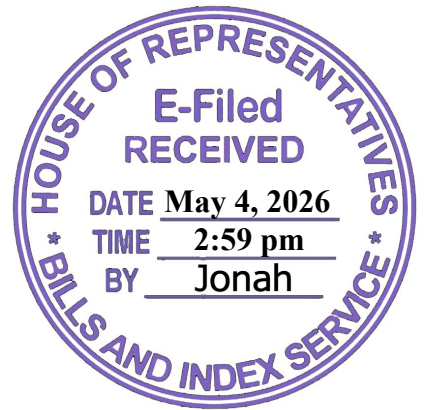




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House Bill No. 9037

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Plastic waste remains one of the most pressing environmental challenges facing communities across the country. Despite existing laws regulating solid waste management, the widespread use of single-use plastic bags known as “labo” and “sando” bags continue to strain waste collection systems, clog waterways and pollute our communities.

The degradation of our environment due to single-use plastics is clearly seen in our local communities. Local government units (LGUs) bear the primary responsibility for solid waste management and many face fiscal and logistical constraints in fully complying with these national environmental standards.

This bill proposes the imposition of an excise tax of Twenty Pesos (₱20.00) per kilogram on plastic bags removed from the place of production or released from the custody of the Bureau of Customs. By imposing an excise tax at the point of production or importation, this bill encourages manufacturers, retailers, and consumers to shift toward more sustainable and reusable alternatives, thereby reducing plastic waste at its source.

The 1987 Constitution mandates the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accordance with the rhythm and harmony of nature. In discharging this mandate, this policy measure seeks to curb the proliferation of single-use plastic bags, which significantly contribute to pollution, flooding, and the degradation of terrestrial and marine ecosystems.

Moreover, the revenues collected from the excise tax for single-use plastic bags shall be allocated exclusively to local government units (LGUs) for the implementation of their solid waste management plans. These funds may be used for the acquisition of land, construction and operation of sanitary landfill, and other waste management facilities. By providing a sustainable and earmarked funding mechanism, this measure reinforces the partnership between the national government and LGUs, enhances local capacity to protect public health and the environment, and empowers communities to build cleaner, more resilient, and environmentally responsible localities.

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



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**AN ACT**  
**IMPOSING EXCISE TAX ON PLASTIC BAGS, THEREBY ADDING NEW**  
**SECTIONS 150-C AND 288(H) 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 "Plastic Bags  
Tax Act."

**SEC. 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.

**SEC. 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:

32 "SEC. 150-C. PLASTIC BAGS. -

33 (A) RATE AND BASE OF TAX. - THERE SHALL BE LEVIED,  
34 ASSESSED, AND COLLECTED AN EXCISE TAX IN THE AMOUNT  
35 OF TWENTY PESOS (PHP20.00) FOR EVERY KILOGRAM OF  
36 PLASTIC BAG REMOVED FROM THE PLACE OF PRODUCTION OR  
37 RELEASED FROM THE CUSTODY OF THE BUREAU OF  
38 CUSTOMS.

39 PLASTIC BAGS SHALL REFER TO SECONDARY LEVEL  
40 PLASTICS MADE OF SYNTHETIC OR SEMISYNTHETIC ORGANIC  
41 POLYMER, COMMONLY KNOWN AS "LABO" OR "SANDO" BAGS,  
42 WITH OR WITHOUT HANDLE, USED AS PACKAGING FOR GOODS  
43 OR PRODUCTS.

44 (B) FILING OF RETURN AND PAYMENT OF EXCISE TAX ON  
45 PLASTIC BAGS. - THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 130 AND 131  
46 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS  
47 AMENDED, ON THE FILING OF RETURN AND PAYMENT OF  
48 EXCISE TAX SHALL APPLY.

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

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

58 "SEC. 288. Disposition of Incremental AND OTHER Revenues.

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60 (A) XXX

61 (B) XXX

62 (C) XXX

63 (D) XXX

64 (E) XXX

65 (F) XXX

66 (G) XXX

67 (H) REVENUES FROM THE EXCISE TAX ON PLASTIC BAG. -

68 ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) OF THE REVENUES  
69 COLLECTED FROM THE EXCISE TAX ON PLASTIC BAGS  
70 SHALL BE ALLOCATED AND USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE  
71 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
72 PLANS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, WHICH MAY  
73 INCLUDE THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR THE  
74 CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF SANITARY  
75 LANDFILLS, PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9003,  
76 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE  
77 MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2000'."

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

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

87 **SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders,  
88 rules, and regulations or parts hereof which are contrary to or inconsistent  
89 with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended  
90 accordingly.

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

94 *Approved,*