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8 **HOUSE BILL NO. 9281**
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11 **Introduced by Representative ANTOLIN "LENLEN" A. ORETA III**
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14 **AN ACT**
15 **CREATING THE PHILIPPINE RECYCLING LABEL, PROVIDING ITS**
16 **SPECIFICATIONS AND COVERAGE, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES,**
17 **APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**
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19 **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

20 The Philippines faces a persistent solid waste management crisis, with plastic packaging
21 constituting a significant portion of improperly disposed waste. Despite the enactment of
22 Republic Act No. 9003, or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, which
23 established the framework for waste reduction, segregation, recycling, and disposal,
24 implementation gaps remain evident, particularly in waste segregation at source and material
25 recovery efficiency.

26 To address these challenges, Republic Act No. 11898, otherwise known as the Extended
27 Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act of 2022, mandated producers to take responsibility for the
28 recovery and proper management of plastic packaging waste. While this law has created
29 mechanisms for accountability, consumer participation in proper waste segregation remains a
30 critical factor in ensuring the success of EPR schemes and in advancing the country's transition
31 toward circular economy practices.

32 This bill introduces the Philippine Recycling Labeling Act of 2025, which mandates the
33 standardized labeling of consumer product packaging to provide clear, consistent, and accessible
34 information on recyclability, material composition, disposal instructions, and recycled content.

35 This Act seeks to strengthen waste segregation at source by empowering consumers with
36 accurate disposal guidance, enhance material recovery by aligning consumer practices with the
37 capacity of local solid waste management systems, improve compliance with extended producer
38 responsibility obligations through transparency and traceability of packaging materials, and
39 promote environmental awareness and sustainable consumption through consumer education.

40 Countries with similar labeling systems, such as the European Union, Japan, and South
41 Korea, have demonstrated that standardized recycling information significantly improves
42 recycling rates and consumer compliance. Adopting a similar framework in the Philippines will
43 help harmonize waste management practices, support the goals of RA 9003 and RA 11898, and
44 reduce the volume of residual and mismanaged waste that pollutes the environment.

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

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

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75 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** - This Act shall be known as the “Philippine Recycling Labeling Act of
76 2026.”

77 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** - Pursuant to its commitment to environmental sustainability and
78 responsible resource management, the State hereby declares the following policies:

79 To ensure the environmentally sound management of solid waste in accordance with the provisions
80 of Republic Act No. 9003, otherwise known as the *Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000*,
81 by promoting waste segregation, reduction, recycling, and proper disposal practices across all sectors
82 of society.

83 To strengthen the recovery, recycling, and circular utilization of packaging materials in alignment
84 with Republic Act No. 11898, or the *Extended Producer Responsibility Act of 2022*, thereby fostering
85 producer accountability and advancing plastic neutrality through systematic and measurable recovery
86 programs.

87 To institutionalize consumer education and active participation by mandating the provision of clear,
88 accurate, and accessible recycling information on product packaging, empowering consumers to
89 make informed choices and contribute meaningfully to national waste reduction efforts.

90 **SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.*** - For purposes of this Act, the following terms are defined:

91 Composite/Multilayer Flexible Packaging (MLP)

92 Consumer Packaging

93 Industrial Packaging

94 E-Commerce Packaging

95 “Packaging” – shall refer to any material used to contain, protect, handle, deliver, or present goods,
96 consistent with RA 11898.

97 Post-Consumer Recycled Content (PCR)

98 Recycling Label” – refers to a standardized mark or printed instruction indicating the material type,
99 recyclability, and appropriate disposal pathway, in accordance with local solid waste management
100 systems.
101 “Recyclability” – shall refer to the ability of a material to be collected, segregated, and reprocessed
102 in existing material recovery facilities, accredited recyclers, or other authorized recovery schemes.
103 Resin Identification Code

104 **SEC. 4. *Mandatory Recycling Labels.*** - All consumer product packaging, whether locally
105 manufactured or imported, shall bear a standardized recycling label, hereinafter referred to as the
106 Philippine Recycling Label (PRL), which shall contain the following information:

107 Material Type – specifying the material composition of the packaging, including but not limited to
108 polyethylene terephthalate (PET), high-density polyethylene (HDPE), polypropylene (PP), paper,
109 aluminum, and glass;

110 Recyclability Indicator – explicitly stating whether the packaging is recyclable in the Philippines, to
111 be indicated as “Recyclable in PH” or “Not Recyclable in PH,” as may be applicable;

112 Recyclable Nationwide;
113 Recyclable in Special Facilities; and
114 Not Recyclable in the Philippines.

115 Disposal Instruction – providing clear instructions for proper disposal, such as “Segregate under
116 Recyclables” or “Dispose as Residual Waste”;

117 Recycled Content Declaration – declaring the percentage of recycled material used in the packaging,
118 if any, e.g., “Made with 30% recycled plastic”; and

119 Language Requirement – all required information shall be printed in the English language;

120 **SEC. 5. *Label Specifications.*** – The recycling label shall be legible, occupying not less than two
121 percent (2%) of the total surface area of the packaging, and in no case smaller than two square
122 centimeters (2 cm²) for every one hundred square centimeters (100 cm²) of packaging surface.

123 The label shall be printed in high contrast, placed in a conspicuous location on the packaging, and
124 shall not be obscured by decorative elements, seals, or any other markings. For flexible packaging,
125 PRL may be printed, sleeved, banded, or stickered using high-adhesion labels. Labels may
126 include QR codes linking to recyclability databases.

127 **SEC. 6. *Scope and Coverage.*** – The provisions of this Act shall apply to all primary and secondary
128 packaging of consumer products, including but not limited to food, beverages, household goods,
129 personal care items, and electronic products.

130 **SEC. 7. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act may be
131 charged against the current appropriations of the PNAC. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary
132 for the continued implementation of this Act must be included in the annual General Appropriations
133 Act.

134 **SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), in
135 coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the National
136 Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC), shall promulgate and issue the rules and
137 regulations within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act.

138 **SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.*** – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional,
139 the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

140 **SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.*** – All decrees, executive orders, proclamations, and administrative
141 regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended
142 or modified accordingly.

143 **SEC. 11. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
144 *Gazette* or a newspaper of general circulation.

145 *Approved,*