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HOUSE BILL NO. 9991



Introduced by Representative Jan “Atty. JP” D. Padiernos

EXPLANATORY NOTE

When Republic Act No. 9003, also known as the *Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000*, was passed over twenty years ago, it set the standard for proper waste management to keep our communities clean. However, its original penalties (a fine of ₱300 to ₱1,000 or 1 to 15 days of community service) are outdated and no longer stop people from littering.

Today, minor nominal fines are easily dismissed as a negligible cost of non-compliance, while short community service windows fail to inspire genuine behavioral change. Consequently, this persistent littering cumulatively obstructs our drainage systems and waterways, directly causing severe street flooding and leaving local governments to exhaust valuable resources on emergency cleanups.

This measure scales the penalties to a range of ₱1,000 to ₱10,000 and extends the alternative community service to 15 to 30 days. This ensures a meaningful reformative impact on offenders while simultaneously rendering meaningful civic service to support the Local Government Units (LGUs) in community cleanup efforts and environmental restoration.

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

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AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 49 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9003, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2000," BY INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR LITTERING, DUMPING, AND IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE MATTER, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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 *"Stricter Penalties for Public Littering Act."*

SECTION 2. Amendment of Section 49. – Section 49, paragraph (a) of Republic Act No. 9003 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 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 ONE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 1,000.00) but not more than TEN THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 10,000.00) or render community service for not less than FIFTEEN (15) DAYS nor more than THIRTY (30) DAYS to the LGU where such violation was committed, or both;

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SECTION 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), in coordination with the National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to ensure the implementation of the adjusted penalties across all local government units.

SECTION 4. Separability Clause. – If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,