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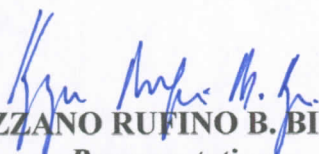
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to announce to the world that the Philippines is not another country's garbage can. It seeks to prohibit the entry of wastes that our people and our country have no need of.

Countless efforts either through legislation or executive action have been made in order to protect our people and sustain our environment. Sadly, some unscrupulous individuals both from our country and abroad, continue to undermine these efforts. The importation of wastes that we not only have no need of but also harm the environment, continue to plague us every now and then. These individuals have taken advantage of what seem to be loopholes in the law or absence of policy as some have observed.

It is therefore timely to propose remedial legislation that would define government policy on the importation of wastes. Such a policy should take into consideration environmental protection and sustainability first, and business interests second.

Due to the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION OF WASTES, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION ONE. *Short Title.* This Act shall be referred to as the “*Imported Wastes Prohibition Act*”.

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect the people from all products that harm the environment. Securing a healthier future for the people by protecting and promoting a sustainable environment shall be the primordial concern of the State. Towards this end, it shall come up with policies that control the importation of wastes to protect the people and the environment.

Sec. 3. Importation of Wastes, Prohibited. – The importation of wastes that have not been processed to eradicate or minimize their environmental impact and have no beneficial value to our people or our country is hereby prohibited. For the purposes of this Act, “wastes” is defined as substances or objects which are disposed of or are intended to be disposed of or are required to be disposed of.

Sec. 4. Penalty. – Any violation of the preceding section shall be meted a fine not less than One million pesos (PhP1,000,000.00) and imprisonment of not less than six (6) months and one day to six (6) years.

Sec. 5. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances that are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Sec. 6. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,