In a world of depleting natural resources there is now a need to institute measures that would bring about conservation and preservation of the country’s meager resources at all levels. One of the means to achieve this is to establish mechanisms for the use of recyclable and biodegradable materials particularly in the manufacturing process of consumer goods.

Hence, this bill provides for the mandated use of biodegradable and recyclable materials in consumer product packaging with the end in view of providing a level of conservation at the manufacturing level.

Immediate passage of this bill is thus earnestly recommended.
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  

Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez  
House Bill No. 1837

AN ACT  
MANDATING THE USE OF RECYCLABLE OR BIODEGRADABLE MATERIALS FOR  
THE PACKAGING OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS  

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to ensure  
conservation and preservation of our natural environment. The use of recyclable and  
biodegradable materials is hereby mandated in the manufacturing process of consumer  
goods.  

SEC 2. Definition of terms. As used in this Act, the following terms shall be defined as  
follows:  
   a. Biodegradable – shall mean the quality of being organically assimilated in the  
natural setting.  
   b. Consumer goods- shall refer to items for sale manufactured in high-volume for a  
mass market.  
   c. Recyclable- shall mean the quality of material which makes it useful to be used  
again in any manufacturing process.  

SEC 3. Incentive. Any business or non-business entity which shall undertake the effort of  
using recyclable and biodegradable materials for the packaging of consumer goods shall  
enjoy a tax deductibility privilege on its income tax to the extent of the proven cost of the  
recyclable or biodegradable material on its production process.  

SEC 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Secretary of the Department of  
Environment and Natural Resources shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and  
regulations within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.  

SEC 5. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, letters of instruction, rules and  
regulations or part or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions or any provision of this  
Act are hereby deemed modified, repealed or amended.  

SEC 6. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision  
to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, the remainder of this Act or the  
application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.  

SEC 7. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication  
in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.  

Approved,