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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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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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or part or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions or any provision of this Act are hereby deemed modified, repealed or amended.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,