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The 1987 Constitution mandates to provide a balanced and healthful ecology and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

The demand for using social media goes with the increasing population growth in the Philippines. Competition and the need for new technology to sustain a good quality of life in the information age have generated upgrades of new products and gadgets periodically. As a result, the outdated gadgets will pile up to be discarded in the trash.

There is a need to dispose electronic devices to maintain a healthy population and to protect the ecosystem. If not disposed properly, the toxic chemicals as contained in these discarded electronic devices may be harmful to humans and the environment.

This proposed bill seeks to minimize if not prevent the effects of improperly disposed electronic gadgets.

This measure was filed during the 17th Congress. Due to time constraints however, no further action was taken on it. This is re-filed for the consideration of this 18th Congress.

Support for the enactment of this bill is earnestly requested.

REP. HENRY R. VILLARICA.

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AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES

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

SECTION 1. *Definition.* - As used in this Act, "Electronic Device" refers to a desktop or laptop computer, computer monitor, portable computer, cathode ray tube, flat panel television, or cellular phones

SEC. 2. *Prohibitions.* - The following shall be prohibited acts:

- a.) Knowingly disposing any electronic device in mixed solid waste; and
- b.) Knowingly accepting for disposal or incineration any electronic device, or any truckload or container of solid waste including electronic devices by a solid waste management facility.

SEC. 3. *Penalties.* - Any violation of Section 2 (a) of this Act shall be punished with a fine of fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) and imprisonment of not less than one (1) month but not more than three (3) months. Any violation of Section 2 (b) of this Act shall be punished with a fine of eighty thousand pesos (P80,000.00) and revocation of the license of the solid waste management facility.

SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved