



17th CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

House of Representatives
HOUSE BILL NO. 2929

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RECEIVED

DATE: 15 AUG 2016

TIME: 6:10 pm

BY: *Purdy*

REGISTRATION UNIT
BILLS AND INDEX SERVICE

INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE TEODORO G. MONTORO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Act shall be known as the "Ecological Sanitation Act of 2016 (ECOSAN Act of 2016)". This bill seeks to consider the relations between human activity and climate change which given the extreme complexity, must be opportunely and constantly monitored at scientific, national and international levels to develop a greater sense of responsibility.

Ecological issues require perspective and strong political will. Ecosan will pursue the development and implementation of sustainable national and local sanitation programs in areas in the country where water supply is a problem. Ecosan facilities will increase access to water and sanitation services thereby decreasing waste water, promote waste management and propagate recycling.

The salient provisions of this Act are the creation of Ecosan facilities and programs to be implemented by the local government unit and the selection of pilot areas and providing funds for implementation.

The Philippine involvement in the development of a global policy on climate change has its objective of taking initiatives toward addressing the issue of climate change through policies and measures.

This legislation seeks to strengthen the capacity and mandate of the local governments units to adopt and implement sustainable urban and rural development programs within respective jurisdictions and to institutionalize the integrated support and facilities towards sustainable urban and rural environment development.

More so, this bill aims to implement and institutionalize effective and sustained programs at the local level to enhance the level of climate change awareness and to empower the local government units, community, non-governmental organizations (NGO) and various sectors of society.

Hence, approval of this legislation is earnestly sought.



TEODORO G. MONTORO
REPRESENTATIVE, AASENSO PARTY LIST



17th CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

House of Representatives
HOUSE BILL NO. 2929

INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE TEODORO G. MONTORO

AN ACT
MANDATING THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
ECOLOGICAL SANITATION AS A METHOD OF SUSTAINABLE URBAN
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND INSTITUTIONALIZING THE
INTEGRATED SUPPORT AND FACILITIES TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE
URBAN ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “ECOSAN ACT OF 2016.”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

SECTION 3. *Institutionalization of Ecological Sanitation* – Ecological Sanitation (Ecosan) as sustainable urban environment development program in the local government is hereby institutionalized in the Philippines in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 4. *Coverage* – This Act shall apply to all local government units within their respective jurisdiction.

SECTION 5. *Administration and Supervision* – The local government unit shall administer and supervise the Ecosan Program. The LGU shall create a Program and shall coordinate with various stakeholders and related agencies concerned.

SECTION 6. *Collaboration between the Local Government Unit, Stakeholders and related agencies and entities.* – The LGU shall sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) defining the role of the government vis stakeholders or other related agencies and entities.

SECTION 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The implementing agencies concerned shall promulgate the pertinent rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act, within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

SECTION 8. *Appropriation.* – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriation allotted to the local government unit. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.* – The provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be separable from, and independent of, one another and that should one or more of such provisions be declared unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,