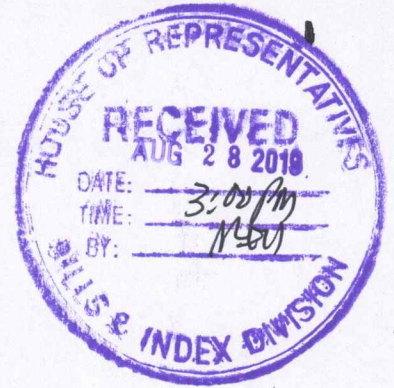


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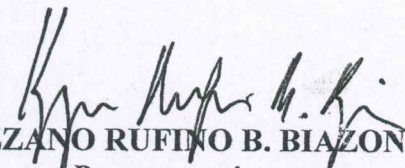
This bill addresses the issue of the indiscriminate and irresponsible disposal of electronic waste or more commonly known as e-waste. It sets a policy and direction on how government should proceed in finding a solution to this foreseen problem.

Companies that are involved in the research and development of information and communications technology in our present technology-driven world are coming up with new ways in designing and developing new and improved electronic technologies. From computers and cellular phones, to portable communication and music devices, these technologies have become critical to our way of life and to our growing economy.

With these gadgets however come the increasing challenge of protecting human health and the environment from the harmful effects associated with the unsafe handling and disposal of these products once their usefulness has ended and become what we call electronic waste or e-waste. Meeting this challenge will require a new policy for this kind of waste. One that is innovative, flexible, and pragmatic that allows us to manage the electronics we use today more sustainably. At the same time, it shall also be a policy that promotes the new and innovative technologies of the future.

Innovation is woven throughout human history and culture and is an advantage we must employ to find solutions to the challenges we face today in order to responsibly manage our electronic wastes. There is a lot more discussion on this pressing issue and this proposal is seen as the first step towards finding a responsible way in dealing with the matter.

For the premises stated above, urgent approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROHIBITING THE INDISCRIMINATE DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONIC WASTE
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*E-waste Disposal Act*”.

Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – Article II of the Philippine Constitution vests in the State the ultimate responsibility to preserve and protect the environment. Towards this end, the proper management not only of common waste products but also of electronic waste must be fully addressed and given proper attention.

Sec. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act:

- a. Electronic equipment or electronics – is defined as equipment which is dependent on electric currents or electromagnetic fields in order to work properly and equipment for the generation, transfer and measurement of such currents and fields.
- b. Electronic waste or E-waste – a term used to describe electronics that are nearing the end of their useful life and are discarded, donated, or re-cycled;
- c. E-waste disposal facilities or EDF – facilities that accept and process e-waste from consumers and manufacturers;

Sec. 4. *Prohibition.* – The indiscriminate disposal of electronic waste with other solid waste products is hereby prohibited. No garbage or waste collecting agent shall accept any e-waste from end users in both residential and commercial establishments in their area of jurisdiction except under the system formulated and developed by the DENR.

Sec. 5. *E-waste Disposal.* – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in cooperation and consultation with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) shall formulate and develop a system for the disposal of e-waste in the country.

There shall be established in every province at least one E-waste Disposal Facility (EDF). The provincial government shall consult officials of local government units (LGUs) within its jurisdiction on where such a facility shall be located and established in order to best serve all the LGUs in the province.

Sec. 6. *Penalties.* – Violation of the prohibitions set forth in Section 4 hereof shall be punished with a fine of not less than ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) for individual violators and a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) for corporations or commercial establishments that violate the same.

Sec. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in cooperation and consultation with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act within six (6) months from its effectivity.

Sec. 8. *Appropriations.* – The budgetary requirement needed for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the budgets of provincial, city and municipal governments.

Sec. 9. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

Sec. 10. *Repealing Clause.* - All Acts, Presidential Decrees, Executive Orders and Administrative Orders, Rules and Regulations and other such issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 11. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,