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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**


In the recent years, there has been an increase in awareness on environmental protection and sustainability. This was a result of the emergence of studies correlating global warming to the extensive waste generated by every household, commercial and industrial establishments; and the massive destruction of the world's natural resources brought about by the growing demands of the exponentially increasing population. Yet, there have been few attempts at resolving the issue. As such, the people's awareness has not transcended into concrete actions. As of today, we are very much knowledgeable about the need to preserve and protect the environment. However, we have ceased at such level.

Due to the lack of education, Filipinos have not been sympathetic to the environment. Although they possess satisfactory knowledge on recycling methods, they are not use to practicing these as there is no imperative from the State.

Among the materials people neglect to properly dispose are waste generated from electrical and electronic equipment. Almost all Filipinos own electronic devices such as cellular phones, laptops and tablets. And they replace these almost yearly to follow the current trend. But little do Filipinos know that the materials used in these equipment are non-biodegradable. These materials take more than a lifetime to decompose. Nevertheless, these are recyclable.

Recycling is where the State needs to step in to promote environmental protection. The State needs sellers and manufacturers of electronic devices to provide a way for their customers to dispose of their old household electrical and electronic equipment when the manufacturers/sellers sell them a new version of the same item. By doing so, the State can ensure that electronic waste will undergo recycling methods instead of being dumped just anywhere else.

Hence, the passage of this law is urgently sought.

  
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**AN ACT TO ADOPT AN ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT WASTE  
DISPOSAL PROGRAM, ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM THEREFOR  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

Section 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as “Electrical and Electronic Equipment Waste Disposal Act of 2016.”

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

Sec. 3. *Mandatory Electrical and Electronic Equipment Waste Disposal-* It shall be mandatory for all sellers and manufacturers of electronic devices to provide a way for their customers to dispose of their old electrical and electronic equipment when the manufacturers/sellers sell them a new version of the same or practically the same item regardless of: (a) whether they buy in-store, online or by mail order; (b) the brand of the item (c) the same function.

Sec. 4. *Implementing Agency.* – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Department of Trade and Industry, in consultation with stakeholders, shall ensure the implementation and enforcement of this Act. It shall also develop a method where sellers/manufacturers can dispose of the waste given by customers.

Sec. 5. *Penalty Clause.* – Any seller or manufacturer, or the responsible officer in case of corporations, who violates any provision of this Act or its implementing rules and regulations shall be punished with imprisonment of two years and/or a fine of five hundred thousand pesos.

Sec 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Department of Trade and Industry shall have the power to promulgate the implementing rules and regulations as may be necessary to fully implement the objectives and purposes of this Act within one (1) year from the approval hereof.

Sec. 7. *Separability Clause.* If any part or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force

and effect.

Sec. 8. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 9. *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.