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EXPLANATORY NOTE


This bill seeks to minimize waste products by mandating the creation of a system that would recover packaging waste at source.

It is becoming increasingly imperative for companies to incorporate environmentally conscious practices into their business models. A consumer's choice of product may come down to its perceived environmental impact and that begins with packaging. However, there can be unforeseen difficulties when it comes to recycling packaging materials. Packaging, especially in food products, is necessary for safety purposes, but to ignore the call for environmental sustainability means not only to lose business, but also to lose something more precious, our lives and those of future generations.

In practice, this means avoiding packaging waste, improving local recovery of recyclables, and increasing the demand for products that contain recycled materials. We have seen major brands such commit to using at least 25% locally-sourced recycled plastic in packaging such as shampoo bottles. This is a big step in the right direction, and aligns with the trending global agenda to eliminate plastic pollution.

However, developing a packaging waste collection system requires coordinated action across the whole supply chain. This includes manufacturers, brand owners, consumers, and the resource recovery sector. Public awareness and information dissemination is thus a necessity to educate everybody.

For these reasons, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
MANDATING ALL RETAILERS OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS TO PROVIDE A
PACKAGING WASTE COLLECTION SYSTEM AT SOURCE 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 “*Packaging Waste Collection at Source Act*”.

Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State shall protect the well-being of all its citizens and provide a clean and green environment with minimal waste imprint. To this end, a policy of packaging waste collection at source shall be made to help reduce waste materials.

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

a. “Packaging” is any material used for the containment of goods. It also covers any material used in the handling, delivery and/or presentation of goods.

b. “Consumer products” also referred to as final goods, are products that are bought by individuals or households for personal use or consumption.

Sec. 4. *Packaging Waste Collection at Source.* – All retailers or sellers of consumer products shall have a packaging waste collection system in place at their respective places of business or upon the delivery of such products. It shall be the duty of every storeowner, sales clerk or delivery agent to inform every customer of the option to leave the packaging materials of the items they bought from them for proper waste disposal or recycling.

Sec. 5. *Proper Waste Disposal or Recycling.* – All packaging wastes collected by the merchant at source shall be disposed of properly or recycled in accordance with existing laws or local ordinances in the place where their business is located.

Sec. 6. *Consumer Education and Awareness Raising.* – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Department of the Interior

and Local Government (DILG) shall exert all efforts to educate consumers and raise their awareness in reducing packaging wastes in relation to the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 7. *Tax Incentives.* – Tax incentives shall be granted to retailers or sellers of consumer products who shall comply with the provisions of this Act. Likewise, tax incentives shall also be granted to local manufacturers and brand owners that utilize recycled materials for packaging of products and to merchants who import products with recyclable packaging or packaging made out of recycled materials.

Sec. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DTI in coordination with the Department of Finance (DoF) and the DENR shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the proper implementation of this Act.

Sec. 9. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Sec. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or amended 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,