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Introduced by Hon. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As a manifestation of support to this timely piece of legislation, this representation respectfully refiles this measure, which has constantly been receiving support from the past and present Congress.

Article 11, Section 16 of the 1987 Constitution states that:

"The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature."

Improper disposal of electronic devices poses a great deal of hazard to humans and the environment as such devices contain a surplus of toxic chemicals (e.g. lead, cadmium, and mercury, to name a few). Proper E-waste management will greatly reduce the amount of hazardous materials being discarded in solid waste management facilities.

The proposed measure seeks to promote a balanced and healthful ecology and also promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them by prohibiting the disposal of electronic devices at solid waste management facilities. Such prohibition aims to also promote and strengthen proper E-waste management and practices in the country.

In view of the foregoing reasons, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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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.

SECTION 2. Prohibitions. -

- a. No person shall knowingly dispose of any electronic device in mixed solid waste; and
- b. No Solid Waste Management Facility shall knowingly accept for disposal or incineration any electronic device, or any truckload or container of solid waste which includes electronic device.

SECTION 3. Penalty. - Any violation of Section 2(a) of this Act shall be punished with a fine of twenty thousand (P20, 000.00) and imprisonment of not less than one month but not more than three months. Any violation of Section 2(b) of this Act shall be punished with a fine of fifty thousand pesos (P50, 000.00) and revocation of the license of the Solid Waste Management Facility.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 6. 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,