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EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Constitution:

“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. “

Electronic equipment contains heavy metals such as lead, cadmium and mercury, as well as other hazardous components or additives. Left to traditional disposal methods, these components of electronic equipment can pose a significant threat to public health and the environment. Requiring the recycling and reuse of this equipment will reduce the amount of hazardous materials being discarded in solid waste management facilities.

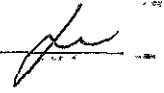
This bill would prevent the proliferation of this waste stream; it would also force the recycling of the reusable parts of electronic equipment.

  
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AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AT  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES

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

3 SECTION 1. *Definition.* As used in this Act, "Electronic Equipment" means a desktop  
4 or laptop computer, computer monitor, portable computer, cathode ray tube, flat panel based  
5 television, or cellular phones.

6 SECTION 2. *Prohibitions.*

7 (A) No person shall knowingly dispose of any electronic equipment in mixed solid waste.

8 (B) No Solid Waste Management Facility shall knowingly accept for disposal or incineration any  
9 electronic equipment, or any truckload or container of solid waste which includes electronic  
10 equipment.

11 SECTION 3. *Penalty.* Any violation of Section 2(A) of this Act shall be punished with  
12 a fine of P20, 000.00 and imprisonment of not less than 1 month but not more than 3 months.

13 Any violation of Section 2(B) of this Act shall be punished with a fine of P50, 000.00 and  
14 revocation of the license of the Solid Waste Management Facility.

15 SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or  
16 parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or  
17 modified accordingly.

18 SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days  
19 following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

20 Approved,