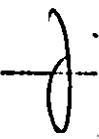


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 2, Section 16, provides:

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.¹


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
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¹ This bill was originally filed during the Fourteenth Congress, Third Regular Session.

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

1 SECTION 1. *Definition.* – As used in this Act, “Electronic Equipment” refers to a
2 desktop or laptop computer, computer monitor, portable computer, cathode ray tube, flat
3 panel based television, or cellular phones.

4 SECTION 2. *Prohibitions.* –

5 (A) No person shall knowingly dispose of any electronic equipment in mixed solid
6 waste; and

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

10 SECTION 3. *Penalty.* – Any violation of Section 2(A) of this Act shall be
11 punished with a fine of P20,000.00 and imprisonment of not less than one month but not
12 more than three months. Any violation of Section 2(B) of this Act shall be punished with
13 a fine of P50,000.00 and revocation of the license of the Solid Waste Management
14 Facility.

1 **SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
2 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
3 provisions hereof.

4 **SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or
5 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby
6 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

7 **SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
8 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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