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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.

The proximity of landfills/garbage dumps to public or private educational institutions is a vital concern to the safety and health of students. Prohibiting the issuance of permits for landfills within twenty kilometers of educational institutions allows for a safe environment essential for learning.

This bill would ensure that the experience of University of the Philippines Los Baños as regards a neighboring dumpsite will not be replicated elsewhere. The one-hectare open dumpsite in Los Baños, Laguna is located at the buffer zone of the Mt. Makiling Forest Reserve between the Saran Creek and a private property along the Jamboree site and National Road.*

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1 AN ACT
2 PROHIBITING LANDFILLS/GARBAGE DUMPS NEAR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

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

3 SECTION 1. *Prohibition.* – No permit for a landfill/garbage dump shall be issued when
4 its premises or portion thereof is located within twenty (20) kilometers of a public or private
5 institution of elementary, secondary, or higher education.

6 SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or
7 parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or
8 modified accordingly.

9 SECTION 3. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
10 following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,