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EXPLANATORY NOTE

¹Majority of today's environmental problems are proven to have significantly increased due to human activities. The Philippines is suffering from the degradation of the natural environment. It has fifty major rivers now polluted because of abuse and neglect. Approximately two-thirds of the country's mangroves have been lost. In one century, we had cut down close to 97% of our original forests. There are many more environmental issues that the country is going through such as climate change, high risk for agriculture and food security, waste management problems, and etc. Nonetheless, it is one thing to know about the ecological problems our country is facing and another to do something about it and education is the first step to make these issues known so we can find solutions that will benefit the whole country.

¹ Ocampo, O.S., COUNTRY REPORT ON CLIMATE CHANGE POLICIES, GREEN JOBS AND DECENT WORK IN THE PHILIPPINES. Retrieved from https://actrav-courses.itcilo.org/en/a352647/a352647-part-material/country-reports/philippines/country-report-on-climate-change-policies-green-jobs-and-decent-work-in-the-philippines/at_download/file

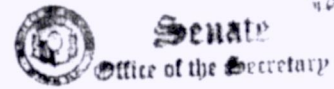
This bills seeks to require all educational institutions to instill knowledge in students about the country's environmental issues and educate them with ways that may actively contribute to the country's ecological condition--primarily the use and recycling of school materials.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

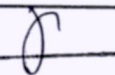

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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

- 1 Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "Recycle Waste Act of
2 2019".
- 3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is a declared policy of the State to conserve
4 natural resources by recycling paper and other waste materials.
- 5 Sec. 3. *Definition of terms.* – For purposes of this Act, the terms:
- 6 (a) *Schools* means all schools, whether public or private, colleges, universities,
7 and other learning and educational institutions, including all state colleges
8 and universities;
- 9 (b) *Department* refers to the Department of Environment and Natural
10 Resources;
- 11 (c) *Secretary* refers to the Secretary of the Department of Environmental and
12 Natural Resources;
- 13 Sec. 4. *Requirement for the Use of Recycled Materials.* – Except as provided for
14 in the succeeding section, all schools shall use paper and other materials containing
15 at least fifteen percent (15%) recycled material, in all their projects, activities, and
16 ventures.
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1 Sec. 5. *Exceptions.* – The failure of the schools to comply with the requirement
2 of this Act shall not be considered a violation of this Act, if:

3 (a) the recycled materials are not reasonably available within a reasonable
4 period of time; or

5 (b) the recycled materials are available only at an unreasonable price.

6 Provided further that those schools which failed to comply with the requirement
7 set forth in Section 4 of this Act shall notify the Department, specifying the reason/s
8 for their failure to do so.

9 The Secretary shall publish a list of schools which failed to comply with the
10 requirements of this Act.

11 Sec. 6. *Mandatory Recycling of Paper and Other Materials.* – It shall be
12 mandatory for all schools to recycle paper and other materials, or to make paper and
13 other wastes available for recycling.

14 Sec. 7. *Technical Assistance.* – For purposes of assisting the schools in
15 complying with the provisions of this Act, the Department shall provide technical
16 assistance and guidance to schools in recycling methods and opportunities.

17 Sec. 8. *Inclusion in the Curriculum.* The Department of Education and the
18 Commission on Higher Education, in coordination with the Department of
19 Environmental and Natural Resources, shall include a subject in the curriculum of
20 schools which tackles advantages of recycling and the ways and means to recycle all
21 kinds of wastes. In case the inclusion of the subject in the curriculum is not feasible,
22 the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education, may
23 recommend the option to include the matter of recycling of wastes, in any existing
24 and related subject.

25 Sec. 9. *Recycling Program.* – The Department, within two (2) years after the
26 effectivity of this Act, shall develop and implement a comprehensive multi-material
27 recycling program. The recycling program shall include but is not limited to the
28 following:

29 (a) The determination and separation of recyclable materials from other wastes,
30 This type of recyclable material shall include metal cans, glass bottles and
31 jars, paper, used tires, and plastic material;

1 (b) The establishment of proven approaches in separation and collection of
2 recyclable materials;

3 (c) The establishment of local or regional drop-off centers for recyclable
4 materials;

5 (d) The development of campaign which shall encourage the protection of the
6 environment and the natural resources.

7 Sec. 10. *Information Campaign.* – The Department shall establish a
8 comprehensive and sustained public information and education program concerning
9 recycling methods and opportunities.

10 Sec. 11. *Rules and Regulations.* – The Department, in coordination with the
11 Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education, shall promulgate
12 the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the purpose of this Act within six (6)
13 months after its effectivity.

14 Sec. 12. *Penalty.* – Any violation of this Act shall be punished with a fine of not
15 less than Ten Thousand Pesos (Php10,000.00) or imprisonment of one (1) year, or
16 both, at the discretion of the court. If the offense is committed by a corporation, trust,
17 firm, partnership, or association, or other entity, the penalty shall be imposed upon
18 the guilty officer/s of such corporation, trust, firm, partnership or association or entity.

19 Sec. 13. *Appropriation.* – To carry out the provisions of this Act, such sum as
20 may be necessary is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National Treasury.
21 Thereafter, the sum necessary for the continuous operation of the programs shall be
22 included in the annual appropriation of the Department of Environment and Natural
23 Resources.

24 Sec. 14. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision, or part hereof, is held invalid
25 or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected
26 shall remain valid and subsisting.

27 Sec. 15. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
28 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or
29 inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended
30 accordingly.

1 Sec. 16. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
2 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation

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5 *Approved,*