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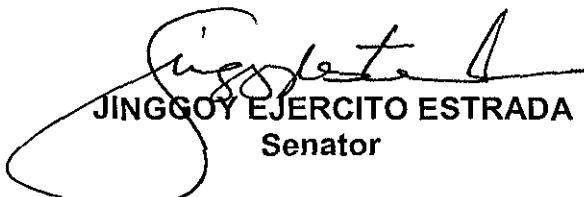
With the election of the Sangguniang Kabataan, there is now in every barangay of the country a potent force which can be tapped to implement various projects and programs of the government.

Among these projects and programs is on environmental protection through tree planting or "greening" activities and solid waste disposal projects which are of urgent importance and necessity not only in urban centers but also even in the farthest barangay of the country.

The Local Government Code of 1991, while vesting in the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) the authority to promulgate resolutions necessary to carry out the objectives of the youth and to coordinate with the appropriate national agency for the implementation of youth development projects and programs in the national level, the same Code does not specifically mandates the SK with the power to implement projects and programs related to environmental protection such as tree planting activities and solid waste disposal in their respective barangays.

This legislative measure seeks to fill in that gap and mandate the SK to implement tree planting and solid waste disposal programs in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the local government units concerned. This bill also provides for the mechanism by which the programs can be effectively implemented.


If only to maintain our country's natural resources and prevent its further pollution and deterioration, the approval of this bill is urgently requested.

  
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AN ACT  
AMENDING SECTION 426 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, "THE LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991," BY MANDATING THE SANGGUNIANG  
KABATAAN TO IMPLEMENT AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROGRAM IN THEIR RESPECTIVE BARANGAYS, PROVIDING THE  
MECHANISM FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION THEREFOR, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 426 of Republic Act No. 7160 "Local Government  
Code of 1991," is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 426. Powers and Functions of the Sanggunian Kabataan. –  
The Sangguniang Kabataan shall:

- (a) Promulgate resolutions necessary to carry out the objectives of the youth in the barangay in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Code;
- (b) Initiate programs designed to enhance the social, political, economic, cultural, intellectual, moral, spiritual, and physical development of the members;
- (c) Hold fund-raising activities, the proceeds of which shall be tax-exempt and shall accrue to the general fund of the Sangguniang Kabataan: *Provided, However,* That in the appropriation thereof, the specific purpose for which such activity has been held shall be first satisfied;
- (d) Create such bodies or committees as it may deem necessary to effectively carry out its programs and activities;
- (e) Submit annual and end-of-term reports to the Sanggunian Barangay on their projects and activities for the survival and development of the youth in the barangay;
- (f) Consult and coordinate with all youth organizations in the barangay for policy formulation and program implementation;

(g) Coordinate with the appropriate national agency for the implementation of youth development projects and programs at the national level; and

"(g-1) COORDINATE WITH THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE BARANGAYS OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, LIKE TREE PLANTING AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, AND SUCH OTHER PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS THAT THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN MAY IMPLEMENT IN THE FUTURE.

IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL DETERMINE THE KINDS OF TREE MOST ADAPTABLE TO THE AREA CONCERNED AND PROVIDE THE SEEDLING THEREFOR. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS CONCERNED, ON THE OTHER HAND, SHALL IDENTIFY THE SITES WHERE THE TREES WILL BE PLANTED.

IN THE URBAN CENTERS WHERE TREE PLANTING IS NO LONGER FEASIBLE, THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN SHALL IMPLEMENT A "GREENING" PROGRAM IN SITES IDENTIFIED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS CONCERNED.

WITH RESPECT TO SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL PROVIDE THE TECHNOLOGY AND ASSIST THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN AS WELL AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT CONCERNED IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED FOR IN EXISTING LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(h) Exercise such other parts and perform such other duties and functions as the Sangguniang Barangay may determine or delegate or as may be prescribed by law or ordinance."

**SEC. 2.** This Act shall take effect after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*