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House Bill No. 2964

Introduced by Representatives
GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is expressly stated in Article 11, Section 16 of the 1987 Constitution that *"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 contain heavy metals such as lead, cadmium and mercury, as well as other hazardous components or additives. Disposing these metals from such equipment via traditional methods can pose a significant threat to public health and the environment. Requiring the recycle and reuse of this equipment will greatly reduce the amount of hazardous materials being discarded in solid waste management facilities.

This bill seeks to prevent the proliferation of this waste stream and also force the recycling of the reusable parts of electronic equipment.

I therefore enjoin my colleagues to support this bill and ensure its early passage into law.

GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO
Second District, Pampanga

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House Bill No. 2961

Introduced by Representatives
GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO

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

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

SECTION 2. ***Prohibitions.*** –

a.) No person shall knowingly dispose of any electronic equipment in mixed solid waste.

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

SECTION 3. ***Penalties.*** – Any violation of Seclion 2(a) of this Act shall be punished with a fine of Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00) and imprisonment of not less than 1 month but not more than three (3) months. Any violation of Section 2(b) of this Acl shall be punished with a fine of Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) and revocation of the license of the Solid Waste Management Facility.

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All laws decrees, order, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

Approved