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House Bill No. 8288



Introduced by **Representative LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA**
4TH DISTRICT, BULACAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines again topped the world in terms of social media usage as the number hits 67 million Filipinos¹. The competition of always bringing new technology generates upgrades of new products and gadgets from time to time. As a result, the outdated gadgets will pile up to be disposed in the garbage can.

The harm that an electronic device when disposed improperly is severe and irreversible. Electronic devices contain a plethora of toxic chemicals that are harmful to humans. The potential health risk is particularly higher for women and children. Pregnant women and children are the most vulnerable groups.

Improper disposal will also result to environmental degradation and negative effects on the ecosystem. An electronic waste that is deposited in a landfill will tend to leach when water passes through it picking up trace elements. If the contaminated landfill water reaches natural groundwater with increased toxic levels, this can be harmful if it enters any drinking water bodies.

The proposed bill will put into effect the Constitutional mandate to protect the people to a balanced and healthful ecology and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

In view of the merits of this bill, approval in this regard is immediately sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Villarica'.

REP. LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA

¹ London, United Kingdom – based consultancy We Are Social

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

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

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

SECTION 2. Prohibitions. –

- (A) No person shall knowingly dispose of any electronic device in mixed solid waste; and
- (B) No Solid Waste Management Facility shall knowingly accept for disposal or incineration any electronic device, or any truckload or container of solid waste which includes electronic device.

SECTION 3. Penalty – Any violation of Section 2(A) of this Act shall be punished with a fine of twenty thousand (P20,000.00) and imprisonment of not less than one month but not more than three months. Any violation of Section 2(B) of this Act 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. Separability Clause – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

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

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

Approved,