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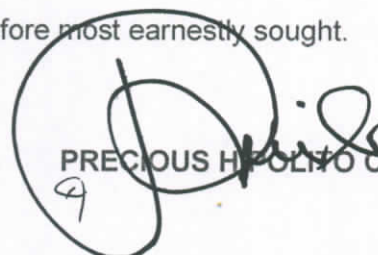
#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The waves of development actually transcend boundaries. But they carry with them, emerging issues, concerns, and tasks that necessitate a strong position by the city or the municipal corporation as in the case of our local government units (LGUs) in being able to draw an environment strategic plan and undertake the management of the environment in the areas of air, land, sea, water, food, waste, energy and climate change.

The creation of an Office of Environment in every city and/or municipality throughout the Philippines is designed to strengthen at the local government units strong coordination and collaboration between and among various public, private, and foreign agencies toward a common Environment Strategic Plan and the sound management of environment projects, programs, and activities.

The role of every local government unit cannot be underestimated in all matters of environment – from management, practices, and stewardship – since it is the primary stakeholder and beneficiary of an Environment Strategic Plan, the implementation of which is in its best position and more conscientious leadership to do so.

The immediate passage of this humble measure is therefore most earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT IN EVERY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT**  
**IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF A COMMON ENVIRONMENT**  
**STRATEGIC PLAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

Section 1. This Act shall be known as 'The Office of Environment Act.'

Sec. 2. There shall hereby be created in every city and/or municipality throughout the Philippines an Office of Environment to manage a common environment strategic plan and undertake such projects related to air, land, water, food, waste, energy and climate change.

Sec. 3. Toward this end, concerned government agencies at the national, provincial and local levels shall coordinate and collaborate with one another for the effective implementation of an Environment Strategic Plan toward a balanced ecology.

Sec. 4. The Local Government Unit shall serve the as the Office of Primary Responsibility toward the management and administration of all environment projects based on a sound environment plan relating to air, land, sea, water, food, waste, energy and climate change.

Sec. 5. Upon the effectivity of this Act, its initial funding of ten million pesos shall be taken from the Internal Revenue Allotment of concerned city and/or municipality and thereafter sourced from the various concerned public, private, and/or foreign agencies mandated to undertake environment-related functions and advocacies.

Sec. 6. This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days upon its publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*