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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill contemplates on mandating every government and private establishment to provide free clean drinking water for their patrons. On July 28, 2010, the United Nations General Assembly explicitly recognized the human right to water and acknowledged that clean drinking water and sanitation are essential to the realization of all human rights. The resolution calls upon States and international organizations to provide financial resources, help capacity-building and technology transfer to help countries, in particular developing countries, to provide safe, clean, accessible and affordable drinking water and sanitation for all¹.

Hence, every citizen should have access to safe drinking water anytime, anywhere. There should be a free refilling station in all establishments where patrons may refill their own water flasks. This policy may even dramatically reduce the use of single-use plastic bottles that are nocuous to ecological balance.

The immediate passage of this timely proposed measure is thus most earnestly sought.


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¹ http://www.un.org/waterforlifedecade/human_right_to_water.shtml viewed June 5, 2018

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AN ACT
MANDATING EVERY GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENT TO PROVIDE
FREE POTABLE WATER IN ALL THEIR EDIFICES AND OFFICES FOR THEIR
PATRONS

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Free Potable Water Act."

SEC. 2. There shall hereby be provided a free clean drinking water refilling station in every edifice and office of every government and private establishment.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,