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AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 288 AND ADDING A NEW
SECTION 150-C IN THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS
AMENDED**

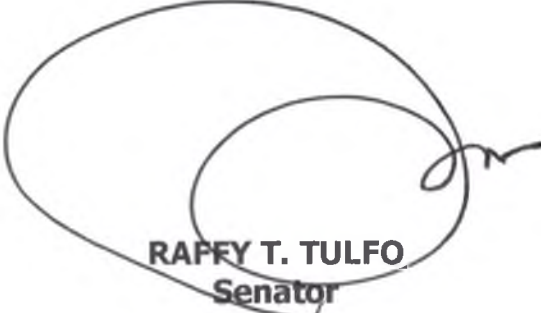
Explanatory Note

According to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Plastic Pollution is a global issue . Around 6.3 billion tonnes of plastic waste were produced from 1950 to 2018. However, only 9% have been recycled and 12% incinerated. A significant amount of plastic still end up dumped or in landfills. Plastic pollution affect the natural processes and alter habitats of humans and animals, as well as the food production and social well-being of billions of people.

The Philippines produces around 2.7 and 5.5 million metrics tons every year and ranked as third in the world for most countries contributing to plastic pollution. One of the major effects of plastic pollution in our country is how waste runoff quickly clog drainage systems and waterways, endangering communities' hygiene especially during heavy periods of rain. Without government intervention, it is expected that by 2040, Plastic pollution in the Philippines could reach up to 9 million metric Tons.

In order to address aforesaid issues, the proposed bill seeks to impose an excise tax on single-use plastic bags removed from the place of production or released from the custody of the Bureau of Customs, subject to periodic increase every four (4) years effective in January 1, 2026.

In view of thereof, the immediate passage of this bill is sought.



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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Single-Use Plastic Bags
2 Tax Act."
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4 **SEC. 2.** Declaration of Policy - It is hereby declared as the policy of the State to
5 protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in
6 accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature through the proper exercise of its
7 power of taxation.
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9 **SEC. 3.** A new section designated as Section 150-C of the National Internal Revenue
10 Code of 1997, as amended, is hereby added to read as follows:

1 **"SEC. 150-C. *SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS.* -**

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3 **"(A) RATE AND BASE OF TAX. – THERE SHALL BE LEVIED,**
4 **ASSESSED, AND COLLECTED AN EXCISE TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF**
5 **TWENTY PESOS (PHP20.00) FOR EVERY KILOGRAM OF SINGLE-USE**
6 **PLASTIC BAGS REMOVED FROM THE PLACE OF PRODUCTION OR**
7 **RELEASED FROM THE CUSTODY OF THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS.**

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9 **THE RATE OF TAX IMPOSED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL**
10 **BE INCREASED BY FOUR PERCENT (4%) EVERY YEAR, EFFECTIVE ON**
11 **JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH REVENUE REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE**
12 **SECRETARY OF FINANCE.**

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14 **SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS SHALL REFER TO SECONDARY**
15 **LEVEL PLASTICS MADE OF SYNTHETIC OR SEMISYNTHETIC**
16 **ORGANIC POLYMER, SUCH AS "ICE", "LABO" OR "SANDO" BAGS,**
17 **WITH OR WITHOUT HANDLE, USED AS PACKAGING FOR GOODS OR**
18 **PRODUCTS.**

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20 **(B) FILING OF RETURN AND PAYMENT OF EXCISE TAX ON**
21 **SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS. - THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 130**
22 **AND 131 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS**
23 **AMENDED, ON THE FILING OF RETURN AND PAYMENT OF EXCISE TAX**
24 **SHALL APPLY.**

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26 **(C) NON-PAYMENT OF EXCISE TAX. – NON-PAYMENT OF THE**
27 **EXCISE TAX IMPOSED UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE**
28 **PERTINENT PROVISIONS UNDER TITLES VIII AND X OF THE**
29 **NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED,**
30 **REGARDING COLLECTION OF UNPAID TAXES AND IMPOSITION OF**
31 **CORRESPONDING FINES, SURCHARGES, PENALTIES, AND**
32 **IMPRISONMENT OR CLOSURE OF BUSINESS."**

1 **SEC. 4.** Section 288 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended. is
2 hereby further amended to read as follows:

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4 "SEC. 288. *Disposition of Incremental* **AND OTHER** Revenues. -

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6 "(A) xxx

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8 "(B) xxx

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10 "(C) xxx

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12 "(D) xxx

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14 "(E) xxx

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16 "(F) xxx

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18 "(G) xxx

19 **"(H) DISPOSITION OF INCREMENTAL REVENUES FROM THE EXCISE**
20 **TAX ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS.-**

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22 **THE INCREMENTAL REVENUES FROM THE IMPOSITION OF THE**
23 **EXCISE TAX ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS SHALL BE ALLOCATED**
24 **TO PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND**
25 **NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC**
26 **ACT NO. 9003, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ECOLOGICAL SOLID**
27 **WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2000' IN MUNICIPALITIES."**

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29 **SEC. 5.** Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within sixty (60) days from the
30 effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Finance shall, upon the recommendation of the
31 Commissioners of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Bureau of Customs and, in

1 consultation with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, issue and
2 promulgate rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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4 **SEC. 6.** Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations.
5 and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are contrary to or inconsistent with this
6 Act. are hereby repealed, amended. or otherwise modified accordingly.

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8 **SEC.7** Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
9 unconstitutional, the remaining provisions hereof which are not affected shall remain
10 in full force and effect.

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12 **SEC.8.** Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication
13 in the Official Gazette or in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,