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OF THE PLASTIC BAG USE BY ENTREPRENEURS

IN THE NAVANAKORN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ZONE

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## ABSTRACT

This independent study aims to investigate background, concept, principles, and theories relating to the plastic bag use by entrepreneurs in the Navanakorn Industrial Estate Zone, as well as the legal measures relating to plastic bag use by the entrepreneurs in the Navanakorn Industrial Estate Zone of Thailand and foreign countries in order to analyze the legal problems concerning to the plastic bag use by entrepreneurs in the Navanakorn Industrial Estate Zone and find out the approaches to solve the legal problems relating to plastic bag use by entrepreneurs in the Navanakorn Industrial Estate Zone.

The findings were shown as follows: (1) Regarding the legal problems relating to the control of the plastic bag use by entrepreneurs in the Navanakorn Industrial Estate Zone, Section 94 of the Enhancement and Conservation of National Environmental Quality Act B.E. 2535 does not specify the criteria on controlling the plastic bag use by entrepreneurs in the Navanakorn Industrial Estate Zone leading to no criteria and apparent legal measures to put in effect on this matter directly; (2) Regarding the legal problems relating to the management of the plastic bag use by entrepreneurs in the Navanakorn Industrial Estate Zone, Section 94 of the Enhancement and Conservation of National Environmental Quality Act B.E. 2535 does not specify the duties of entrepreneurs in the Navanakorn Industrial Estate Zone on managing plastic bag waste or separating plastic bag waste before disposal; and (3) Regarding the legal problems relating to fines for the

plastic bag use by entrepreneurs in the Navanakorn Industrial Estate Zone, the Enhancement and Conservation of National Environmental Quality Act B.E. 2535 does not specify the fines or empower local authorities to enforce the fine penalties on the entrepreneurs who violated the plastic bag use in the Navanakorn Industrial Estate Zone causing the entrepreneurs to continue distributing or selling plastic bags without fear of the measures of penalties.

Therefore, in order to efficiently control the plastic bag use by entrepreneurs in the Navanakorn Industrial Estate Zone, the researcher would like to propose the amendment of the Enhancement and Conservation of National Environmental Quality Act B.E. 2535 by specifying the measures to control the entrepreneurs as follows: (1) The entrepreneurs shall not distribute or sell plastic bags in the Navanakorn Industrial Estate Zone; (2) The entrepreneurs in the Navanakorn Industrial Estate Zone shall always separate plastic bag waste before disposal; and (3) The fines shall be stipulated in case that the entrepreneurs violate to distribute, use, or sell plastic bags and empower the local authorities to enforce the fine penalties according to this Act relating to violation of plastic bag use.