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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 2724

Introduced by **Honorable PEDRO M. PANCHO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The MWSS being the sole supplier of potable water to Metro Manila, is not saying anything whether it is willing to share with the Bulakeños the revenue derived from the natural resources located within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Bulacan. In 1945, the reservoir was constructed for the operations of NIA, NAPOCOR and MWSS. The three (3) water-related agencies were divided for their definite and specific services to the public. However, the worst scenario is that during dry season, the farmers lose their water supply intended for land cultivation, to the billionaires' subdivisions, five-star hotels and factories. The right of the Bulakeños to get their share from the water revenue is drowned by the billions of pesos earned and collected every month by the MWSS, NAPOCOR and NIA. These three agencies did not spend a single centavo for the benefit of the Province of Bulacan as victim of the excess water that floods the residential and farm lands including fishponds when the hilltop release big volumes of water. This also destroys the livelihood of the poor families. This situation is repeated every year without the agencies giving any compensation for the damages incurred. For highly eighty

years, the Bulakeños and Pampangueños suffered and sacrificed in favor the Metro Manila consumers. And now, even the homeowners are complaining of lack of drinking water. In view of this, the government's plans and policies are still very unfair for us, Bulakeños. The rich people in the cities get a good number of benefits compared to the real owners who lost their right to till the soil.

The Bulakeños and Pampangueños now intend to fight jointly to stop the delivery of water to Metro Manila than to die with their families because of dehydration. The three (3) government agencies do not have the desired program for the installation of a pumping station in every town comprising the Second District of Bulacan for residential users.

The construction of pumping stations will help provide an uninterrupted and continuous supply of water even during dry season. The people of Bulacan have suffered for the last eight decades and its about time that the said agencies spend a small amount from their billions of peso earnings.

Accordingly, it is requested that the attached bill be approved immediately.



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"AN ACT PROVIDING THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A PUMPING STATION IN EVERY MUNICIPALITY COMPRISING THE SECOND DISTRICT OF BULACAN AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR."

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

SECTION 1. The construction, operation and maintenance of a pumping station in every municipality comprising the second district of Bulacan is hereby authorized.

SEC. 2. The funds necessary for the proper implementation of this Act shall be charged from the current budget of the DPWH. Therefore it shall be included in the General appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED,