

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 3093



Introduced by **Honorable PEDRO M. PANCHO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System, for more than seven (7) decades now or from the time the water reservoir was constructed to preserve the water for human consumption, had not paid even a single centavo for utilizing the natural wealth of the Bulakeños which belongs to their province. The agency abused their right by enjoying billions of pesos from the natural resources created by God. The provision of the law section 291 of the Local Government Code is very clear that the MWSS shall remit the 1% share of the Province of Bulacan from the gross sales derived but it refused and continuous to refuse to submit their remittances to cover the destruction of crops and fishponds when excess water is released.

In times of great floods and inundations, the people of Bulacan bear the sufferings alone because the MWSS fails to send in the provincial share. They were given enough time to comply with their obligations but they never bothered to extend any assistance or even deliver water to the home consumers. On interests alone, the amount is certainly a big one without mentioning the principal for seventy years.

During dry seasons the water for the National Irrigation Administration is delivered to Metro Manila for use of billionaires' subdivisions, five star hotels, plants and factories without considering the needs of the poor farmers who are actually the beneficial owners of the water.

In the free opinions of the non-lawyers in Bulacan and Pampanga, they intend to work for the cancellation of MWSS's permit or suspend their activities in the utilization of our national wealth until such time when they comply with the provision of the law, the Local Government Code.

The people of Bulacan are asking "where is the millions of pesos that MWSS is suppose to remit to the provincial coffers in compliance with their obligations? Failing to make the remittance means that the assigned administrators are not doing their job. They do not respect and honor the purpose of the law which is to help the residents every time destructive floods visit the province.

What happens if MWSS does not to obey what the law mandates? It results to poor management and even bankruptcy of the MWSS.

In view of this, approval of the attached bill is earnestly requested.


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"AN ACT SUSPENDING THE PERMIT OF THE METROPOLITAN WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM TO UTILIZE THE WATER IN ANGAT DAM/RESERVOIR UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT IT HAS FULLY REMITTED TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF BULACAN ITS ONE (1%) PERCENT SHARE FROM THE GROSS SALES OF WATER AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 291 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE ."

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in session assembled.

Section 1. - The permit of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage Systems to utilize the water in Angat Dam/Reservoir is hereby suspended until such time that it has fully remitted to the Provincial Government of Bulacan its one (1%) percent share from the gross sale as provided in Section 291 of the Local Government Code.

Sec. 2. - The Department of Finance and the Department of Agriculture shall formulate and promulgate the necessary guidelines for the proper implementation of the Act.

Sec. 3. - This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED,