

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

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House Bill No. 4001



Introduced by Honorable Catalino V. Figueroa

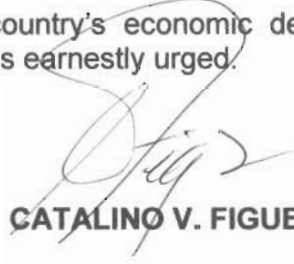
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The safety of the people is the major concern of the government. This is manifested in the Constitution which provides that the prime duty of the government is to serve and protect the people.

Despite its importance, fire poses a constant threat to life and property. When out of control, it can kill a great number of people and can destroy buildings and other properties on a massive scale. Aside from inflicting injury to society, this, naturally, results to economic impoverishment due to material losses. Economic development will be hampered as businessmen will be discouraged from investing in business enterprises. Likewise, inability of the government to prevent destructive fires causes worry and uncertainty among businessmen, thereby decreasing business efficiency. In our country, death and injury to persons and loss and damage to property by fire have reached alarming proportions. If this remains unchecked, we will lose whatever economic and social gains the country may have achieved and the government's programs toward economic recovery will necessarily fail. The use of preventive measures alone is not sufficient as fire still occurs despite these measures. There is also a need to provide the people with fire-fighting facilities so as to enable them to suppress or extinguish hostile fires.

Aware that many areas in the country have no fire-fighting equipment, this bill seeks to allocate one (1) fire truck for each for each municipality in the Second District of Samar. It is hoped that this move will provide an easier and more effective means through which further losses due to fire can be avoided.

In view of its significance to country's economic development and recovery programs, approval of this bill is earnestly urged.


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**AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ONE (1) FIRE TRUCK
FOR EACH OF THE SIXTEEN (16) MUNICIPALITIES OF THE
SECOND DISTRICT OF SAMAR,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. Each municipality in the second district of Samar namely: Basey, Calbiga, Catbalogan, Daram, Hinabangan, Jiabong, Marabut, Motiong, Paranas, Pinabacdao, San Jose de Buan, San Sebastian, Sta. Rita, Talalora, Villareal and Zumarraga, shall be provided with one (1) fire truck with complete fire-fighting facilities.

SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Interior and Local Governments under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as maybe necessary for the operation and maintenance of the fire truck and its fire-fighting facilities shall be included in the annual budget of the local government unit concerned.

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

Approved,