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House Bill No. 4349

Introduced by **Honorable PEDRO M. PANCHO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our economic development is focused on generating income and employment. Upon the other hand the technocrats' solution is geared to favor the business sectors without thinking of the other crises that gives critical problems to the community and which may affect the public internationally. We invited foreign investors to help our weak economy but the contributions are not enough to satisfy the needs of the whole country.

Like our agricultural lands, our government spends billions of pesos for fertilizers, chemicals, and distributes land to the landless or the tillers of the soil. But all these failed because of lack of water for land cultivation. Not only the farmers but also the Metro Manila consumers suffer from the MWSS policy.

For more than seventy five (75) years, the Bulakeños, who have enough water have nothing to drink or enough supply for land cultivation.

The MWSS earns billions of pesos but it failed to set aside the one percent (1%) share from the gross sale to be remitted to Bulacan coffers to fund and construct another reservoir to store the excess

water that instead goes to the sea. There is a lack of study on how to preserve or turn the water into commercial use that can give a definite support in solving our water problem. This will help the government to save a lot of money but it has no idea how this will materialize into reality considering our poor supply of water to the farmers.

During this dry season, the solution is to pray to high heavens to grant a plentiful rainfall that will immerse our agricultural land and commercial centers. Every year, we spend billions of pesos to hire consultants but no accomplishments have been submitted on the natural cause of water shortage.

From these incompetent offices, come ineffective contributions in water management that will assure continuous flow of water to the home consumers. The Bulakeños expect to give our water from our own province for home consumption in Metro Manila but the essence of the agreement lost its intention and has been violated because the water was used for commercial and industrial purposes like five-star hotels, factories and plants that consumes billions of cubic meters of water while our farmers in the provinces are crying for water to till the soil that needs billions of pesos to import rice and vegetables that kills our agricultural industry and generate employment for foreign farmers and our sacrifices was ignored to support our farming industry.

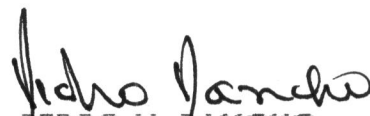
In order to avoid the shortage of water to the tillers of the soil in the provinces, the MWSS must require the hotels, factories, and industrial users to put up their own pumping stations for their own personal use in their business operations so that the home consumers will have low-priced continuous supply of water and the farmers will have their own supply during the dry season with subsidy.

But still the best solution is to construct another dam or reservoir in Barangay Bayabas or Maasim in Doña Remedios, Bulacan, to prevent the shortage of water in the future when Congress will scream "No water". These words will stay as reality because of the increasing

number of consumers. Responsible parenthood and population management is required to provide water to newly-born children, but if enforced, the policy of water pumping stations is to be adopted to fight water shortage but this is only a temporary solution and still the best remedy is to build another dam as early as possible before the arrival of the water crisis which might cause the closure of hotels, factories, and industrial users which unemployment and poor tax collections have never been seriously studied by the technocrats and the concerned departments.

Again, shouts of "Water, water" is the worst scenario that will destroy Metro Manila if the Bulakeños will stand firm and stop the delivery of their own water to the thickly-populated areas before the farmers die or sacrifice for more decades without giving any answer to their cry for life improvement.

Accordingly, I earnestly request for approval of the attached bill.


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"AN ACT REQUIRING ALL FIVE-STAR HOTELS, FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL USERS IN METRO MANILA TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN THEIR OWN WATER PUMPING STATIONS FOR THEIR OWN BUSINESS OPERATIONS OR GIVE SUBSIDY TO THE FARMER WHO WERE DEPRIVE TO USE THEIR OWN WATER SUPPLY."

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

SECTION 1. All five-star hotels, factories and industrial firms in Metro Manila shall be required to build and maintain their own water pumping stations to supply their water requirements in their operations.

SEC. 2. The DPWH shall prescribe the appropriate rules for the proper implementations of this Act.

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

APPROVED,