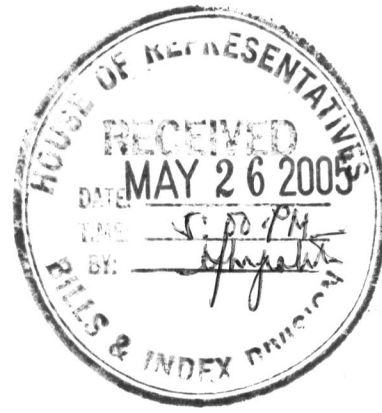


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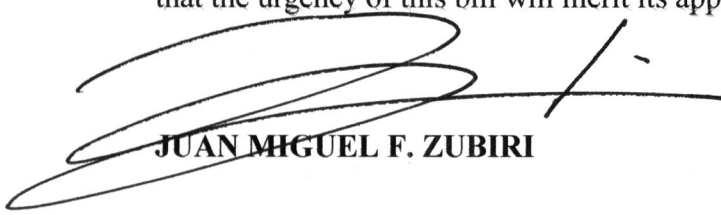
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Most of the helicopters of the Philippine Air Force are old and dilapidated and repaired using parts cannibalized from other PAF helicopters already in its junk yard. They pose a continuous grave threat to their pilots, crews and passengers who carry out multi-role missions everyday.

There is not a year that pass without fatal and near-fatal accidents that occur involving these helicopters. The recent crash of a PAF Huey helicopter a few weeks ago that resulted in the death of nine people that included former Philvocs head, Reynaldo Punongbayan while on a survey mission to assess the resettlement area in Quezon province of typhoon and flood victims again, has illustrated this point.

With the coming of the typhoon season, the PAF will again play an important role in search and rescue sadly, using these dangerous helicopters.

In view of the foregoing, this bill aims to remedy the problem by allocating the sum of two billion pesos (P 2,000,000,000.00) as a supplemental budget to fund the acquisition of new helicopters and refurbish existing ones in need of repair in the Philippine Air Force (PAF) of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP). It is hoped that the urgency of this bill will merit its approval.



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

Section 1. Appropriations. – The sum of Two billion pesos (P 2,000,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated to fund the acquisition of new helicopters and refurbish existing ones in need of repair in the Philippine Air Force (PAF).

Section 2. Release of the Funds. – The amount shall be released to the Philippine Air Force (PAF) through the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Department of National Defense (DND) and shall be used for the purpose intended in accordance with the existing accounting and auditing rules and regulation.

Section 3. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect within fifteen days upon its approval and publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved.