

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4874

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Introduced by Rep. Erico B. Aumentado

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide more wherewithals and revenues for the Philippine Red Cross as "the voluntary, independent and autonomous nongovernmental society auxiliary to the authorities of the Republic of the Philippines in the humanitarian field, to assist said authorities in discharging the obligations set forth in the Geneva Conventions and the Statutes of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement."

As such, the purposes of the Philippines Red Cross are set forth under Section 4, Republic Act 100721 which provides, *inter alia*:

"(a) To cooperate with public authorities in the prevention of disease, the promotion of health and the mitigation of human suffering by their own programs in such fields as education, health and social welfare, for the benefit of the community;

(b) To organize, in liaison with public authorities, emergency relief operations and other services to assist the sick and wounded of armed forces in time of armed conflict, in accordance with the spirit of and under the conditions prescribed by the Geneva Conventions to which the Republic of the Philippines proclaimed its adherence;

(c) For the purposes mentioned in the preceding paragraphs, to perform all duties devolving upon the Philippine Red Cross as a result of the adherence of the Republic of the Philippines to the said Convention;

(d) To act in matters of voluntary relief and of communication between the people of the Republic of the Philippines and their Armed Forces, in time of peace and in time of armed conflict, and to act in such matters between similar national societies of their countries and the Governments and the people and the Armed Forces of the Republic of the Philippines;

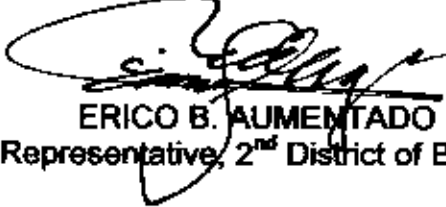
(e) To establish and maintain a system of national and international relief in time of peace and in time of armed conflict and apply the same in meeting emergency needs caused by typhoons, floods, fires, earthquakes, and other natural or man-made disasters, and to devise and carry on measures for alleviating the suffering caused by such disasters;

(f) To devise and promote such other services in time of peace and armed conflict as maybe found desirable in improving the health, safety and welfare of the Filipino people, and of all peoples in general; and

(g) To devise such means as to make every citizen and/or resident of the Philippines as a member of the Philippine Red Cross."

In the light of the foregoing, there is an imperative need to ensure the availability of funds to support the Philippine Red Cross' purposes and humanitarian goals. Thus, the need to amend Section 7 (f) to obtain mandatory contributions from the usual participating government institutions and the private sector.

Wherefore, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

  
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AN ACT  
AMENDING SECTION 7 (F), REPUBLIC ACT NO. 100721 TO GENERATE MORE FUNDS  
FOR THE PHILIPPINE RED CROSS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

Section 1. – Section 7 (f) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(f). As a national voluntary society, the Philippine Red Cross shall be financed primarily by contributions obtained through solicitation campaigns throughout the year which shall be organized by the Board of Governors and conducted by the chapters in their respective jurisdictions. These fund raising campaigns shall be conducted independently of other fund drives and service need. FOR PURPOSES OF THE SOLICITATION, ALL GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND THE USUAL PARTICIPATING PRIVATE SECTOR SHALL PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE PHILIPPINE RED CROSS FUND DRIVE.

Section 2. – This act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

APPROVED.