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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 10121, through the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), aims to strengthen the capacity of the national government and the local government units (LGUs), together with partner stakeholders, to build the disaster resilience of communities, and to institutionalize arrangements and measures for reducing disaster risks, including projected climate risks, and enhancing disaster preparedness and response capabilities at all levels.

However, under RA 10121, it seems that Health is only a secondary priority. In the Philippines, risks of communicable disease outbreaks arise in disaster-affected populations during and after natural disasters. Evacuation centers usually lack nutritious food and even safe-drinking water. There are also cases when the victims need not only food and shelter but first aid, medication, and sometimes even blood transfusion.

This bill seeks to respond to the health risks brought about by natural disasters by expanding the membership of the Department of Health (DOH) and the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) in the NDRRMC as Vice Chairman of Disaster Risk Management for Health and Vice Chairman of Emergency Aid Management respectively.

For this reason, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10121, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE DISASTER RISK
REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR THE NATIONAL
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK AND
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND
MANAGEMENT PLAN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 10121 is hereby amended to read, as
follows:

SEC. 5. *National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council.* - The
present National Disaster Coordinating Council or NDCC shall henceforth
known as the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council,
hereinafter referred to as the NDRRMC or the National Council. The National
Council shall be headed by the Secretary of the Department of National
Defense (DND) as Chairperson with the Secretary of the Department of the
Interior and Local Government (DILG) as Vice Chairperson for Disaster
Preparedness, the Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and
Development (DSWD) as Vice Chairperson for Disaster Response, the
Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) as Vice
Chairperson for Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, the Director General of
the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) as Vice
Chairperson for Disaster Rehabilitation and Recovery, THE SECRETARY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AS VICE CHAIRPERSON OF DISASTER
RISK MANAGEMENT FOR HEALTH, AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RED CROSS (PNRC) AS VICE CHAIRPERSON OF
EMERGENCY AID MANAGEMENT.

The National Council's members shall be the following:

- (A) Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural
Resources (DENR);
- (B) Secretary of the Department of Agriculture (DA);

- (C) Secretary of the Department of Education (DepED);
(D) Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE);
(E) Secretary of the Department of Finance (DOF);
(F) Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI);
(G) Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC);
(H) Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM);
(I) Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH);
(J) Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA);
(K) Secretary of the Department of Justice (DOJ);
(L) Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE);
(M) Secretary of the Department of Tourism (DOT);
(N) The Executive Secretary;
(O) Secretary of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP);
(P) Chairman, Commission on Higher Education (CHED);
(Q) Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP);
(R) Chief, Philippine National Police (PNP);
(S) The Press Secretary;
(T) Commissioner of the National Anti-Poverty Commission-Victims of Disasters and Calamities Sector (NAPCVDC);
(U) Chairperson, National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women;
(V) Chairperson, Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC);
(W) Executive Director of the Climate Change Office of the Climate Change Commission;
(X) President, Government Service Insurance System (GSIS);
(Y) President, Social Security System (SSS);
(Z) President, Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (philHealth);
(AA) President of the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP);
(BB) President of the League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP);
(CC) President of the League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP);
(DD) President of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP);
(EE) President of the Liga ng Mga Barangay (LMB);
(FF) Four (4) representatives from the CSOs;
(GG) One (1) representative from the private sector; and
(HH) Administrator of the OCD.

The representatives from the CSOs and the private sector shall be selected from among their respective ranks based on the criteria and mechanisms to be set for this purpose by the National Council.

SECTION 2. – Separability Clause. If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision shall remain valid and subsisting.

1 **SECTION 3. – Repealing Clause.** Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
2 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulations contrary to or
3 inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended
4 accordingly.

5 **SECTION 4. – Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
6 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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8 *Approved,*