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HOUSE BILL NO. 6353



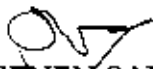
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Local Government Code of 1991 and the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 (RA10121) placed the local government units in the frontline of disaster preparedness, response, and rehabilitation. Specifically, Section 21 of RA 10121 *transformed* the calamity fund of LGUs into the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (LDRRMF). The transformation of the fund, and the nature of its utilization, bolstered the paradigm shift in dealing with disasters. While the erstwhile set-up only allows the use of the fund when a disaster strikes, the LDRRMF may now be used by LGUs to fund projects and programs to enhance the community's disaster preparedness and mitigate its effects.

During last year's Legislative Workshop on Effective Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in the Philippines held in Incheon, South Korea, sixteen members of the House of Representatives have committed to strengthen disaster risk reduction policies in the country. The group deemed it necessary to broaden the options of the LGUs in the utilization of the LDRRMF. This bill proposes the use of the LDRRMF in funding infrastructure projects, approved by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, designed to mitigate the effects of disasters. Moreover, it is proposed that LGUs be allowed to use the LDRRMF to pay obligations incurred in funding projects related to disaster-preparedness.

Considering the urgency to make LGUs more disaster-resilient, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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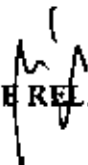


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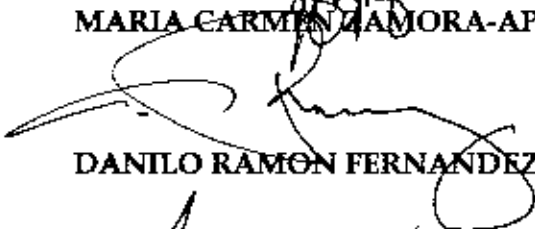
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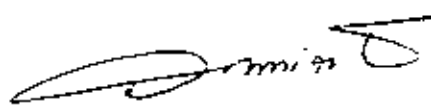


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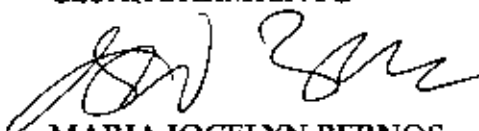
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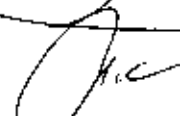


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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 21 OF REPUBLIC ACT 10121, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND
MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2010

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Section 21 of RA 10121 is hereby amended and shall read as follows:
- 2 **SEC. 21.** *Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (LDRRMF).* – The present
- 3 Local Calamity Fund shall henceforth be known as the Local Disaster Risk Reduction
- 4 and Management Fund (LDRRMF). Not less than five percent (5%) of the estimated
- 5 revenue from regular sources shall be set aside as the LDRRMF to support disaster
- 6 risk management activities such as, but not limited to, pre-disaster preparedness
- 7 programs including training, purchasing life-saving rescue equipment, supplies and
- 8 medicines, for post-disaster activities, **CONSTRUCTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE**

1 PROJECTS CERTIFIED BY THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
2 AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AS NECESSARY IN MITIGATING AND
3 REDUCING THE EFFECTS OF DISASTERS, and for the payment of premiums on
4 calamity insurance. THE LDRRMF MAY ALSO BE USED TO PAY FOR
5 WHATEVER OBLIGATIONS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT INCURRED
6 IN THE RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, AND REHABILITATION OF MAJOR
7 INFRASTRUCTURE DAMAGED BY DISASTERS.

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9 The LDRRMC shall monitor and evaluate the use and disbursement of the LDRRMF
10 based on the LDRRMP as incorporated in the local development plans and annual
11 work and financial plan. Upon the recommendation of the LDRRMO and approval
12 of the sanggunian concerned, the LDRRMC may transfer the said fund to support
13 disaster risk reduction work of other LDRRMCs which are declared under state of
14 calamity.

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16 Of the amount appropriated for LDRRMF, thirty percent (30%) shall be allocated as
17 Quick Response Fund (QRF) or stand-by fund for relief and recovery programs in
18 order that situation and living conditions of people in communities or areas
19 stricken by disasters, calamities, epidemics, or complex emergencies, may be
20 normalized as quickly as possible.

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22 Unexpended LDRRMF shall accrue to a special trust fund solely for the purpose of
23 supporting disaster risk reduction and management activities of the LDRRMCs
24 within the next five (5) years. Any such amount still not fully utilized after five
25 (5) years shall revert back to the general fund and will be available for other social
26 services to be identified by the local sanggunian.

1 **SECTION 3. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations,
2 rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or
3 modified accordingly.

4 **SECTION 4. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
5 unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected hereby shall remain valid and
6 subsisting.

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

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10 Approved,