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HOUSE BILL NO. 424



Introduced by *Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo*

EXPLANATORY NOTE

To the extent that even government employees at both the national or local levels are themselves victims of vicious cycles of disasters, calamities, or other natural crises, there may be a need to explore the possibility of them being granted what may constitute as a government employee benefit fund from which financial assistance for that single purpose may be sourced. For its check and balance, the Barangay officials shall attest to the fact that they are residents affected by such disasters and therefore could qualify for financial assistance.

This is premised on the idea that employees of government should also be assisted when sad times befall them since they are the government's forerunner in the delivery of basic goods and services to the point that they actually render public service sometimes even beyond the call of duty. Hence, it is only fitting and proper that the government has a way to also recognize this and somehow compensate them, if and when, they become victims of natural disasters like typhoons, storms, floods, landslides and the like.

It is the pure intent of this bill to serve akin to the whole idea of a conditional cash transfer where all that is needed is for them to qualify for the grant as certified by their respective Barangay officials as to the accuracy and veracity of their claims. Toward this end, there shall be a kind of buffer fund subsidized by the government to actually take a pro-active stand on situations that seriously affect individuals who are workers in government or public servants. They, too must be served by the government, not the least.

The immediate passage of this bill is therefore sought.

WINSTON "WINNIE" CASTELO

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AN ACT
AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT TO
EARMARK SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR GRANT TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AT
BOTH THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS AND PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES
THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Government Employees Benefit Fund of 2013".

SEC. 2. There shall be made available funds for the purpose of granting qualified government employees at both the national or local levels a form of financial assistance when they become victims of disasters, calamities, emergencies or similar crises.

SEC. 3. The mechanics of these funds to be appropriated are akin to the grant to beneficiaries of conditional cash transfers for marginalized sectors of society. Hence in the case of prospective grantees, Barangay officials in their respective brangays or communities shall attest to the accuracy and veracity of the applicants' claim for grants under this Act.

SEC. 4. The Department of Budget and Management in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare and Development shall herein issue appropriate rules, regulations, guidelines to effectively implement the provision of this Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days upon its publication in the Official Gazette and in at least three (3) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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