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House Bill No. 669



Introduced by **REP. CESAR V. SARMIENTO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is one of the most disaster prone countries in the world. An average of 20 typhoons hit the country annually and more often than not, Catanduanes is every typhoon's landfall.

The people of Catanduanes have become resilient in coping with every storm that comes their way. Despite this, true is the fact that almost every strong typhoon that hits the province renders many of my constituents homeless and displaced.

Aside from strong typhoons, natural calamities such as landslides strike Catanduanes whenever strong rains batters. I am a witness to how, whenever there are disasters and calamities, my constituents painstakingly hurdle every inch to rebuild not just their homes but also their lives all over again.

The passage of this bill which will establish a disaster and emergency center in every municipality in Catanduanes will help provide temporary shelter to my constituents who will be homeless whenever a natural calamity and/or disaster occurs.

The State, in upholding a just and dynamic social order shall promote the general welfare of its people. It is in the light of the foregoing that the enactment of this bill into a law is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cesar V. Sarmiento".

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISASTER AND EMERGENCY CENTER IN
EVERY MUNICIPALITY IN THE PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established a Disaster and Emergency Center in every municipality in the province of Catanduanes.

SECTION 2. The establishment of such Disaster and Emergency Centers shall be undertaken by the Department of National Defense Office of Civil Defense (DND-OCD).

SECTION 3. The Disaster and Emergency Centers shall provide a temporary shelter to persons who were rendered homeless and/or displaced by reason of natural calamities and/or disasters and will serve as a refuge for them during the duration of the calamity and/or disaster or until they are rehabilitated.

SECTION 4. The amount of Twenty Two Million Pesos (P22,000,000.00), Two Million for each town, is hereby appropriated for this purpose to be charged to the appropriations of the Department of National Defense under the General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the concerned local government units shall undertake the maintenance of the centers.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,