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Introduced by Representative Harlin Cast. Abayon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Emergencies and disasters are a common feature in our lives here in the Philippines. This bill seeks to mandate the NDCC to formulate and maintain a standard training curriculum for all public sector employees in dealing with and planning for emergencies and disasters. This measure was previously filed by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago in the 15th Congress. Passage of this bill is sought now in the 16th Congress.


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AN ACT
TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CURRICULUM FOR TRAINING
PROGRAMS FOR PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES ON EMERGENCY AND
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Public Sector Training Program for Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Act."

SECTION 2. Curriculum Development. - The National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) shall maintain, and update periodically, a current curriculum of courses necessary to train public sector emergency response and preparedness teams in matters relating disasters and emergencies. NDCC shall consult with educational institutions and non-government organizations throughout the country that provide training for responding to disasters and emergencies. For purposes of this Act, public sector employees shall mean all persons in civil service.

SECTION 3. Requirements. - The curriculum maintained and updated under this Act:

(A) shall include--

- (1) a recommended course of study to train public sector employees to respond to emergencies and disasters and to plan for those responses;
- (2) recommended basic courses and minimum number of hours of instruction necessary for public sector employees to be able to respond safely and efficiently to emergencies and disasters and to plan those responses; and
- (3) all available government funded emergency and disaster response training programs; and

(B) may include recommendations on material appropriate for use in a recommended basic course described in paragraph A2 of this section.

SECTION 4. Training for Compliance. - The recommended basic course as described in the previous section shall provide the training necessary for public sector employees to comply with existing laws, regulations and standards observed in responding to emergencies and disasters.

SECTION 5. Distribution and Publication - NDCC shall distribute the curriculum and any updates to the curriculum to the all agencies and organizations tasked in conducting training for responding to emergencies and disasters. NDCC may publish and distribute a list of programs and courses maintained and updated under this Act and of any programs utilizing such courses.

SECTION 6. Appropriations. - To carry out the provisions of this Act, such amount as hereby necessary is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National Treasury. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continuation of the program shall be included in the annual appropriation of the National Disaster Coordinating Council.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. - If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 9. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,