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Introduced by Representative Harlin Cast. Abayon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill requires local government units with more than 500,000 inhabitants to make use of up-to-date technologies in the preparation of their Disaster Preparedness Plans. This measure was previously filed by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago in the 15th Congress. Passage of this Bill is earnestly sought now in the 16th Congress.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "H. Cast. Abayon".

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**AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLANS
OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS**

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

SECTION 1. Coverage. As used in this Act, the term local government unit (LGU) shall cover only those which have at least Five Hundred Thousand (500,000.00) inhabitants, as certified by the National Statistics Office (NSO).

SECTION 2. Disaster Preparedness Plan. In the preparation of the LGU's Disaster Preparedness Plan, up-to-date industry standard or the best technology available, including computer models, to develop evacuation time estimates, shall be used to complete such plan.

SECTION 3. Revision. In the event that a LGU has already developed a Disaster Preparedness Plan, such plan shall be revised to come into compliance with Section 2 of this Act.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause. - If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,