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EXPLANATORY NOTE

With the growing public concerns regarding the impact of geologic hazards to the structural integrity of infrastructures in this country, be it residential houses or commercial buildings, a more detailed review of the National Building Code is in order.

However, an unreliable source and/or evidence suggests that the focus on these infrastructures should start with the false issuance of building permits, clearances, certificates or certifications awarded to the contractor by government building officials prior to the actual construction of the structure - this gives the residents or tenants a false sense of safety through proper and legal documents and less on the structure itself.

For the safety and interest of the public, the urgency of this bill should be elaborated and is deserving of urgent consideration and approval.


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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1096, THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, BY MANDATING A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONWIDE INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS AND IMPOSING STIFF PENALTIES AGAINST BUILDING OFFICIALS WHO VIOLATE THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE SAID CODE

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

1 **SECTION 1.** *Inspection and Clearance.* - The Department of Public Works
2 and Highways (DPWH), in coordination with the Department of the Interior and
3 Local Government (DILG), the National Disaster Risk Reduction and
4 Management Council (NDRRMC) and all leagues of Local Government Units,
5 shall within three (3) years from the *effectivity* of this Act, initiate and conduct a
6 comprehensive inspection of all buildings nationwide, and consequently cause
7 the issuance by the Building Officials concerned the corresponding Certificate of
8 Inspection and Clearance stating, among others, that the building so inspected
9 conforms with the provisions of Presidential Decree (PD) No. 1096, as amended.

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11 **SEC. 2.** *Reportorial Requirement.* - The result of the comprehensive
12 inspection under Section 1 hereof shall be contained in a report to be submitted
13 to the Office of the President and Congress within sixty (60) days from the date
14 of completion of said inspection with recommendations on how to improve and
15 strengthen further PD No. 1096, as amended.

1 **SEC. 3.** *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The DPWH, the
2 NDRRMC and the DILG shall issue the necessary implementing rules and
3 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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5 **SEC. 4.** *Penalty.* -- Buildings Officials, as defined under PD 1096, as
6 amended, who shall falsely issue building permits, clearances, certificates or
7 certifications relative to their functions as such shall suffer the penalty of *reclusion*
8 *perpetua*, absolute perpetual disqualification to hold office and permanent
9 revocation of professional license.

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11 False issuance shall mean any forms of misrepresentation, deceit,
12 machination or fraud in the inspection of buildings and issuance of permits,
13 clearances, certificates or certifications pursuant to PD 1096, as amended, or this
14 Act.

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16 **SEC. 5.** *Repealing Clause.* -- All laws, presidential decrees, executive
17 orders, proclamations and/or administrative regulations which are inconsistent
18 with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified, superseded or
19 repealed accordingly.

20 Nothing in this Act shall be construed, however, as
21 repealing or amending the current standards set forth under PD No. 1096, as
22 amended.

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24 **SEC. 6.** *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
25 from its publication in the Official Gazette or at least three (3) newspapers of
26 national circulation.

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28 *Approved,*