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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Department of National Defense to give grants on a competitive basis to local government units (LGUs) to assist pre-disaster hazard mitigation strategies, and the use of technical and financial assistance to support programs that provide grants to low income homeowners for wind and flood inspections of their principal residences and for implementation of hazard mitigation improvements.

The enhancement program would provide LGUs with funds for projects that have a direct, on-the-ground impact for residents of low to moderate income homes, as well as the less addressed population of apartment residents and small business owners.


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AN ACT
TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM FOR PREDISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION
ENHANCEMENT

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Pre-disaster Hazard
Mitigation Enhancement Program Act of 2013.”

SEC. 2. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act, the term:

(A) “Eligible entity” means any of the local government units, as defined under
the Local Government Code, that--

(1) has a mitigation plan approved by the Secretary;

(2) implements public awareness campaigns to encourage improvements to
structures to mitigate hazards relating to natural disasters; and

(3) takes steps to encourage mitigation actions with respect to repetitive loss
structures within the jurisdiction of such entity; and

(B) “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Department of National Defense.

SEC. 3. *Predisaster Hazard Mitigation Enhancement.* –

(A) *Purpose.* – To provide grants to eligible entities to assist hazard mitigation
strategies that save lives, improve the structural integrity of property affected

1 by natural disasters, and provide hazard mitigation cost savings to the
2 Philippine Government.

3 (B) Grants Authorized. – The Secretary may make grants, on a competitive basis,
4 to eligible entities.

5 (C) Application. – To be eligible for a grant, an eligible entity shall submit an
6 application to the Secretary in accordance with regulations issued by him not
7 later than six months after the date of effectivity of this Act.

8 (D) Minimum Standards. – An eligible entity that receives a grant shall carry out
9 any repair, construction, renovation, or retrofit assisted by such grant in
10 accordance with the following:

11 (1) Applicable standards of safety and sanitation.

12 (2) Applicable codes, specifications, and standards of the National Building Code.

13 (3) Safe land use and construction practice standards.

14 (E) Allocation of Amounts. – Of the amounts appropriated for making grants in a
15 fiscal year, the Secretary shall require eligible entities to allocate:

16 (1) 50 percent of grant amounts to programs that address the mitigation
17 needs of single family housing units;

18 (2) 30 percent of grant amounts to programs that address the mitigation
19 needs of multi-family housing units and residential rental dwelling
20 units; and

21 (3) 20 percent of grant amounts to programs that address the mitigation
22 needs of small businesses.

23 SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* – The funds needed for the initial implementation of this Act
24 shall be charged against the appropriations of the Department of National Defense. After that,
25 such amount as may be necessary for its full implementation shall be included in the annual
26 General Appropriations Act as a distinct and separate item.

1 SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part of this Act, is held invalid or
2 unconstitutional, the remainder of the Act or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
3 valid and subsisting.

4 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order,
5 letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent with the
6 provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

7 SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
8 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,