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HOUSE BILL NO. 3527

Introduced by: REP. MEL SENEN S. SARMIENTO

This proposed measure was already filed in the 15th Congress but was not approved due to lack of material time.

This bill seeks to expand the permissible use of the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund by allowing the agencies concerned to utilize it in paying for the a) construction of infrastructure projects certified by the national disaster risk reduction and management council as necessary in reducing the effects of disasters and b) to pay for whatever obligations the local government unit incurred in the reconstruction, repair, and rehabilitation of major infrastructure damaged by disasters. When approved, this offers more flexibility to the LDRRMC in using the fund.

The approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 21 OF REPUBLIC ACT 10121, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE PHILIPPINE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT ACT
OF 2010

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

SECTION 1. Section 21 of RA 10121 is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

SEC. 21. Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (LDRRMF). - The present Local Calamity Fund shall henceforth be known as the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (LDRRMF). Not less than five percent (5%) of the estimated revenue from regular sources shall be set aside as the LDRRMF to support disaster risk management activities such as, but not limited to, pre-disaster preparedness programs including training, purchasing life-saving rescue equipment, supplies and medicines, for post-disaster activities, **CONSTRUCTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

CERTIFIED BY THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AS NECESSARY IN REDUCING THE EFFECTS OF DISASTERS, and for the payment of premiums on calamity insurance. THE LDRRMF MAY ALSO BE USED TO PAY FOR WHATEVER OBLIGATIONS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT INCURRED IN THE RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, AND REHABILITATION OF MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE DAMAGED BY DISASTERS.

The LDRRMC shall monitor and evaluate the use and disbursement of the LDRRMF based on the LDRRMP as incorporated in the local development plans and annual work and financial plan. Upon the recommendation of the LDRRMO and approval of the sanggunian concerned, the LDRRMC may transfer the said fund to support disaster risk reduction work of other LDRRMCs which are declared under state of calamity.

Of the amount appropriated for LDRRMF, thirty percent (30%) shall be allocated as Quick Response Fund (QRF) or stand-by fund for relief and recovery programs in order that situation and living conditions of people in communities or areas stricken by disasters, calamities, epidemics, or complex emergencies, may be normalized as quickly as possible.

Unexpended LDRRMF shall accrue to a special trust fund solely for the purpose of supporting disaster risk reduction and management activities of the LDRRMCs within the next five (5) years. Any such amount still not fully utilized after five (5) years shall revert back to the general fund and will be available for other social services to be identified by the local sanggunian.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected hereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

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

Approved,