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HOUSE BILL NO. 8059



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In a hearing conducted by the Senate Committee on Urban Planning and Housing on July 31, 2018, two subcontractors testified that there were irregularities in the construction of Bagong Pag-asa Housing Project of the National Housing Authority (NHA) in Eastern Samar.

The President of CQB Construction firm claimed they were underpaid for the construction of 72 housing units as they received only 40% of the total agreed amount. The contract, according to the head of the construction firm, is worth P10.4 billion, adding that P145,000 for unit was not enough and that is why the quality of the construction was compromised.

Considering that the housing projects are for those hit by calamities, it is inconceivable how enterprising individuals would think of personal gains to the extent of remissness at the expense of our innocent and dejected countrymen.

Let it now be the policy of the State to criminalize remissness of subcontractors of government projects to the detriment of the Filipino people.

The immediate passage of this urgent bill is most earnestly sought.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Winnie Castelo'. Below the signature, the name 'WINNIE CASTELO' is printed in bold capital letters.

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AN ACT
CRIMINALIZING REMISSNESS OF SUBCONTRACTORS OF GOVERNMENT PROJECTS
WHOSE QUALITY OF WORK IS BELOW PRESCRIBED STANDARDS

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Subcontractors' Remissness Criminal Act."

SEC 2. The State shall promote the integrity of all government projects by ensuring the optimum quality with which they are undertaken. As such, it shall outlaw the remissness of subcontractors of government projects.

SEC. 3. Any subcontractor of a government project whose quality of work is below prescribed standards shall be guilty of remissness and upon conviction shall be punished as provided in Section 4 hereof;

SEC. 4. Any person found to be guilty of government project remissness shall be meted out a penalty of imprisonment for a minimum of six (6) months to one (1) year and/or a fine of One Million Pesos (Php1,000,000.00).

SEC. 5. To fully implement the provisions of this Act, the Department of Public Works and Highways shall issue rules, regulations, guidelines necessary to operationalize the intent and purpose of this Act.

SEC 6. This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days upon publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,