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HOUSE BILL NO. 8358



Introduced by Honorable Michael L. Romero

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The republic of the Philippines, recognizes the occurrence of floods throughout the whole year. Without knowledge, awareness or beyond the local region in which they occur, these flooding often do not receive the entry of efficient and urgent support that can follow large-scale emergencies or disasters.

To support these flooding-disasters and to provide initial frontline services before such emergency appeals are launched for large-scale flooding, it is imperative that the national government establishes a **National Flood Control Act**.

This House Bill seeks to create and establish urgent Flood Control measures and mechanisms. To enable all concerned and affected personnel, organizations to carry out their unique role after a flooding-disaster.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE **NATIONAL FLOOD CONTROL ACT**, TO PROMOTE AND EXTEND LIFE-SAVING MECHANISMS, TO AUGMENT THE DEMANDS FOR SUPPORT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby a declared policy of the state to provide immediate response to restore life-saving services to affected populations following a declared flood-disaster.

SECTION 2. NATIONAL FLOOD CONTROL ACT – The State shall hereby create a **National Flood Control Act** to expand and establish continuity to the aid and support provided in times of this flood-disaster.

SECTION 3. DETERMINING FACTORS AND CONDITIONS – Factors that may influence the size of the control operations to be conducted:

- A. Ecological and environmental extent of the damage;
- B. Preliminary estimate of death, injuries, and displaced persons;
- C. The reaction response capacity of key agencies; and
- D. The date and magnitude of the last flood that affected the country *(taking into account the cumulative effect of flooding on ability to respond)*.

Each Flood will be regarded as a separate event and hence be eligible for assistance, irrespective of whether it is issued for the same disaster-affected or in the same calendar year.

SECTION 4. TRANSITORY PROVISION – Existing industries, businesses and offices affected by the implementation of this Act shall be given six **(6)** months transitory period from the effectivity of the IRR or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The departments and agencies charged with carrying out the provisions of this Act shall, within sixty **(60)** days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,