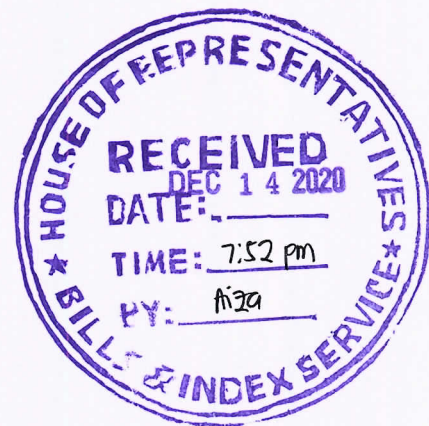


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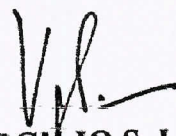
The Philippines is one of the most heavily affected countries in terms of natural calamities. Being located in the Pacific Ring of Fire and along the typhoon belt, the country regularly experiences earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, typhoons, landslides, among others. These disasters do not only cause damage in agriculture, economy, and infrastructure, but also claim countless Filipino lives.

Last November 12, 2020, disaster struck once again. Typhoon Ulysses battered the majority of Luzon, leaving billions of pesos worth in damages, and thousands of homes submerged in flood water. It also caused about 350,000 people to flee their homes. Worst, 73 of our countrymen died due to the onslaught of this typhoon.

Too many lives have already been lost because of these natural calamities. And while accidents are inevitable during these times, with proper awareness and preparation, we can mitigate the effects.

This Bill seeks to mandate the establishment of a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society. This Bill aims to include subjects, units, electives, or courses regarding basic first aid training, and survival skills training. Through these course offerings, we can better prepare our citizens, especially the youth, in the face of these tragedies.

It is in this regard that we seek the urgent approval of this Bill.


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AN ACT
MANDATING THE INTEGRATION OF BASIC FIRST AID, AND SURVIVAL
SKILLS TRAINING IN THE CURRICULA OF ALL INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING,
AND PROVIDING THE APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Sec. 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as "*Basic First Aid and Survival Skills Education Act of 2020.*"

Sec. 2. *Integration of Basic First Aid Training and Survival Skills training.* - All institutions of learning, including but not limited to, schools, colleges, universities, vocational learning institutions, shall integrate into their respective curricula and make available to all its students relevant and updated subjects, units, electives or courses regarding basic first aid training, and survival skills training.

Sec. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* - The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), shall promulgate the corresponding implementing rules and regulations of this Act within sixty (60) days from the date of its effectivity.

Sec. 4. *Appropriations.* - The funds necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be sourced from the respective budgets of the CHED and the DepEd in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 5. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, and rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.