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Quezon City, Metro Manila

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL No. 5490



Introduced by HONORABLE ERNESTO “ERNIX” M. DIONISIO, JR.

AN ACT
EXPANDING THE APPLICATION OF THE LOCAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
AND MANAGEMENT FUND BY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1C L21,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND
MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2010

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is known to be one of the world’s most disaster-prone countries in the world. It is located along the boundary of major tectonic plates and at the center of a typhoon belt. The Philippines is regularly stricken by floods, typhoons, landslides, earthquakes, volcanic eruption, and other more natural disasters¹.

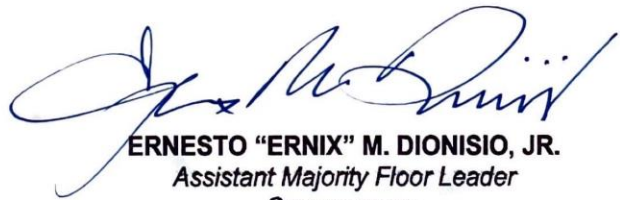
Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the “Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 was enacted to provide for a more concrete action plan and other more matters as to how to respond to the numerous natural disasters that happens in our country. The aforementioned law states that, it provides for the development of policies and plans and the implementation of actions and measures pertaining to all aspects of disaster risk reduction and management².

This bill seeks to further strengthen our response system in connection to these natural calamities. Given that our country is prone to such calamities we must assure that we are well-informed and well-prepared at the instance of the occurrence of these natural disasters in our country.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is necessary.

¹ Perceptions of Disaster Resilience and Preparedness in the Philippines available at https://hhi.harvard.edu/files/humanitarianinitiative/files/prc-philippine-report-final_0.pdf?m=1607102956 (last accessed on October 7, 2022).

² Section 4, R.A. 10121.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ernesto M. Dionisio, Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12 of Republic Act No. 10121 (R.A. 10121), or the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12. Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (LDRF MO). -

a) XXX

c) The provincial, city and municipal DRRMOs or BDRRMCs shall perform the following functions with impartiality given the emerging challenges brought by disasters of our times:

(1) XXX

(26) APPOINT OR HIRE COMPETENT AND SUITABLY TRAINED DIRECT RESCUE AND RESPONSE PERSONNEL WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS THAT SHALL BE ADEQUATE IN NUMBER TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT IN TIMES OF CALAMITY AND DISASTER. THE APPOINTED PERSONNEL SHALL ALSO

SERVE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LGUS DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS.

(27) CIVILIANS SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH SUFFICIENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING WITH REGARD TO NATURAL RISK RESPONSE AND OPERATION.

(d) XXX

SEC. 2. Section 21 of R.A. 10121 is hereby amended to 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 MITIGATING AND 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 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 **WITHIN THE GIVEN YEAR** 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)] **THREE (3)** years. Any such amount still not fully utilized after [five (5)] **THREE (3)** years shall revert back to the general fund and will

be available for other social services to be identified by the local sanggunian.

THE LDRRMF SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE SALARIES, WAGES AND BENEFITS OF ALL APPOINTED RESCUE AND RESPONSE PERSONNEL BY THE LOCAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE FALLING UNDER SECTION 12, PARAGRAPH (C), SUB-PARAGRAPH (26). SEC. 3. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. Repealing Clause. - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved