

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 7063



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Introduced by HON. GUS S. TAMBUNTING

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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL DISASTER RESILIENCE FUND, TO  
MAINTAIN THE NECESSARY BALANCE OF FUNDING, TO MEET THE  
REQUESTS AND DEMANDS FOR SUPPORT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Sec. 16, Art. II of the 1987 Constitution states that “The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.”

In 2022, Severe Tropical Storm Paeng incurred damage to infrastructure due to heavy rains and strong winds valued at 757.84 million pesos (\$13.07 million), while losses in agriculture were estimated at 435.46 million pesos.<sup>1</sup>

With increasing global surface temperatures, the possibility of more droughts and increased intensity of storms will likely occur. As more water vapor is evaporated into the atmosphere it becomes fuel for more powerful storms to develop.<sup>2</sup>

This proposed measure will allot an initial amount of Five hundred Million pesos (₱500,000,000.00) to promote urgent Disaster Resiliency concerned measures. This bill aims to make the government ready when disasters struck.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City’s Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.

  
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2nd District, Parañaque City

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/philippines-death-toll-storm-nalgae-climbs-80-disaster-agency-2022-10-30/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.usgs.gov/faqs/how-can-climate-change-affect-natural-disasters>

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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 Start-up funding for Societies to respond to large-scale disasters, loan facility.
- Create funding for National Society responses to small and medium scale disasters, health emergencies, and grant facilities.

**SECTION 2. NATIONAL DISASTER RESILIENCE FUND** – The State shall hereby provide an initial amount of Five hundred Million pesos (P500,000,000.00) to promote urgent Disaster Resiliency concerned measures.

The State is hereby authorized to re-align its appropriations, along with its supplemental and additional funding in the current year of the date of the effectivity of this Act to conform with its mandate and requirements. Thereafter, such sum as may be needed for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

**SECTION 3. DETERMINING FACTORS AND CONDITIONS** – Factors that may influence the size of the grant/funding can be:

- 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 disaster that affected the country (taking into account the cumulative effect of disasters on the ability to respond). Each nationally-declared disaster 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 a month 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 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 at At least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,