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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (the Council) was created by virtue of Republic Act No. 10121. The Council was tasked to develop a framework which shall provide for a comprehensive, all-hazards, multi-sectoral, inter-agency and community-based approach to disaster risk reduction and management.¹ The Council was tasked to perform policy making, coordination, integration, supervision, monitoring, and evaluation functions.

The law was passed with the end in view of providing a more effective system towards achieving disaster resilience. After the creation of the Council, and several major disasters thereafter, it has become apparent that the solution of creating a body composed of multiple offices of the government primarily responsible for disaster preparedness and response poses its own challenges.

The Council is currently chaired by the Secretary of National Defense and vice chaired by other department secretaries. With the challenges brought about by having numerous agencies as members of the Council, it is proposed that depending on the concern that needs to be addressed and corollary to the function of each Office of the Vice Chairperson, their corresponding agency shall be the lead government instrumentality in exercising the powers and jurisdiction of the Council. It has been observed, however, that because of the immense destruction sustained by various government infrastructures during these disasters, many of which damages suffer from state of disrepair, it becomes paramount that another vice chairpersonship is created for Infrastructure Rehabilitation and Repair to be headed by the Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

¹ Section 6, Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010.

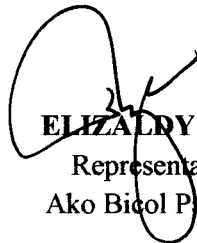
These damaged/destroyed infrastructure projects must be immediately repaired and rehabilitated to ensure public safety and speedy economic recovery, thus, in the pursuit of streamlining and expediting the process of requesting, allocating, and disbursing of funds for the repair, rehabilitation, or construction of infrastructures devastated by calamities, requirements needed for the release of the NDRRM Fund must be minimized.

Natural disasters have the capability to cause such far reaching and impactful consequences that it has become clear that a speedy, comprehensive, specialized, and focused approach is the only way to move forward from the effects of natural disasters.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.



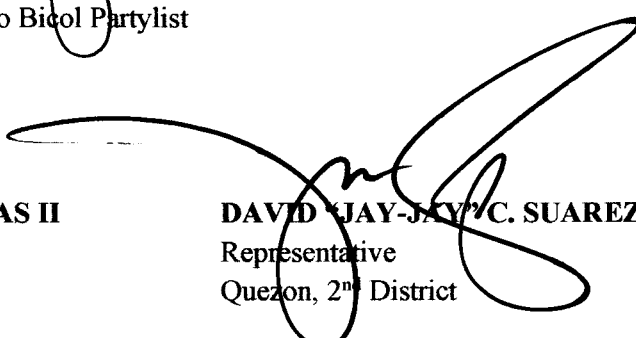
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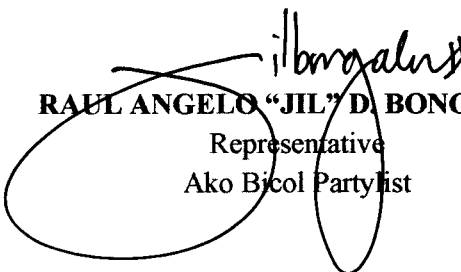
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AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10121, ENTITLED “AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK AND INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

1 **Section 1.** Section 5 of Republic Act No. 10121 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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3 **Section 5. National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council.** – The present National
4 Disaster Coordinating Council or NDCC shall henceforth be known as the National Disaster Risk
5 Reduction and Management Council, hereinafter referred to as the NDRRMC or the National
6 Council.
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8 The National Council shall be headed by the Secretary of the Department of National Defense
9 (DND) as Chairperson with the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government
10 (DILG) as Vice Chairperson for Disaster Preparedness, the Secretary of the Department of Social
11 Welfare and Development (DSWD) as Vice Chairperson for Disaster Response, the Secretary of
12 the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) as Vice Chairperson for Disaster Prevention
13 and Mitigation, the Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority
14 (NEDA) as Vice Chairperson for Economic Relief and Recovery, and the Secretary of the
15 Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) as Vice Chairperson for Infrastructure
16 Rehabilitation and Repair.

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2 Depending on the concern that needs to be addressed and corollary to the function of each Office
3 of the Vice Chairperson, their corresponding agency shall be the lead government instrumentality
4 in exercising the powers and jurisdiction of NDRRMC.
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8 **Section 2.** Section 6 of Republic Act No. 10121 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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10 **Section 6. *Powers and Functions of the NDRRMC.*** – The National Council, being empowered with
11 policy-making, coordination, integration, supervision, monitoring and evaluation functions, shall
12 have the following responsibilities:
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16 (i) Monitor and provide the necessary guidelines and procedures on the Local Disaster Risk
17 Reduction and Management Fund (LDRRMF) releases as well as utilization, accounting and
18 auditing thereof, provided that in the pursuit of streamlining and expediting the process of
19 requesting, allocating, and disbursing of funds for the repair, rehabilitation, or construction of
20 infrastructures devastated by calamities, the requirements shall be limited to the following:
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- 22 1. Disaster Report from the Requesting Local Government Unit; and
- 23 2. Program of Work from the Concerned District Engineering Office of the Department of
24 Public Works and Highways (DPWH).
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28 (o) Constitute a technical management group composed of representatives of the abovementioned
29 departments, offices, and organizations, that shall coordinate and meet immediately after the
30 declaration of a state of calamity, not more than twenty-four (24) hours, and as often as necessary
31 to effectively manage and sustain national efforts on disaster risk reduction and management;
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33 **Section 3.** Section 22 of Republic Act No. 10121 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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35 **Section 22. *National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund.*** – (a) The present Calamity
36 Fund appropriated under the annual General Appropriations Act shall henceforth be known as the
37 National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (NDRRM Fund) and it shall be used for
38 disaster risk reduction or mitigation, prevention and preparedness activities such as but not limited
39 to training of personnel, procurement of equipment, and capital expenditures. It can also be utilized
40 for relief, recovery, reconstruction and other work or services in connection with natural or human
41 induced calamities; provided that the utilization of such fund is not subject to the provision of
42 Section 28, Chapter 4, Book VI of Executive Order No. 292.
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1 (b) The specific amount of the NDRRM Fund and the appropriate recipient agencies and/or LGUs
2 shall be determined upon approval of the President of the Philippines in accordance with the
3 favorable recommendation of the NDRRMC led by the appropriate Vice Chairperson.

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5 Provided, that approval based on guidelines and procedures required shall be limited to the
6 following:

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8 1. Disaster Report from the Requesting Local Government Unit; and
9 2. Program of Work from the Concerned District Engineering Office of the Department of
10 Public Works and Highways (DPWH).
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12 (c) Of the amount appropriated for the NDRRM Fund, thirty percent (30%) shall be allocated as
13 Quick Response Fund (QRF) or stand-by fund for relief and recovery programs in order that
14 situation and living conditions of people in communities or areas stricken by disasters, calamities,
15 epidemics, or complex emergencies, may be normalized as quickly as possible.
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17 (d) All departments/agencies and LGUs that are allocated with DRRM fund shall submit to the
18 NDRRMC their monthly statements on the utilization of DRRM funds and make an accounting
19 thereof in accordance with existing accounting and auditing rules.
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21 (e) All departments, bureaus, offices and agencies of the government are hereby authorized to use
22 a portion of their appropriations to implement projects designed to address DRRM activities in
23 accordance with the guidelines to be issued by the NDRRMC in coordination with the DBM.

24 **Section 7. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid,
25 the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

26 **Section 8. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts
27 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

28 **Section 9. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette
29 or in a newspaper of general circulation.