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House Bill No. 10272

**Introduced by Representative
MICHAEL L. ROMERO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The population of the republic of the Philippines is now at 118.2 million last January 2024.

the Commission on Population and Development (CPD)

CPD said the country's population has exceed its projected rise.

based on Philippine Statistics Authorities data showing that women of reproductive age in the country continue to increase, coupled with higher-than-national-average fertility rates in most regions of the country.

Congress passed the **Reproductive Health law in 2012**, and the executive department approved its implementing rules and regulations in March 2013. But some temporary restraining orders from the courts have constrained the law's implementation.

In July 2015, the Supreme Court stopped the Food and Drug Administration (**FDA**) from renewing the licenses of all contraceptive products, as petitioned by the Alliance for Family Foundation Philippines Inc.

With the 2015 TRO, the FDA had to first re-certify that the products are safe and not abortifacient.

The high court has also prohibited the Department of Health (**DOH**) from including some Php250 million worth of contraceptive implants in its family planning program. The DOH and other reproductive health advocates have filed a motion for reconsideration with SC. But in August 2016, the **SC** ordered the FDA instead to re-certify the products again.

The licenses of 15 of 48 contraceptive brands in the Philippines had expired since the TRO was issued.

CPD projected population growth is plus **1.5% per year**.

The continuing increase in population is due to the relatively high fertility rates of Filipino women, which is three children on average.

Eleven of the country's 17 regions were noted to have higher fertility rates than the national average.

The Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), Bicol and Western Visayas have the highest fertility rates at 4.2, 4.1 and 3.8, respectively, primarily due to cultural and religious beliefs on family planning.

This House bill seeks to guarantee the advancing of the country's population and development policies and programs towards increased share and opportunity of each Filipino in socioeconomic progress, the enhancement of our forces and policies.

Furthermore, this House bill seeks to attain a better quality of life for all Filipinos through management and maintenance of population level resources and the environment.

This house bill seeks to provide **modernization funding for the Commission on Population and Development. (CPD)**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael L. Romero', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR MODERNIZATION FUNDING FOR
THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND
DEVELOPMENT (CPD), TO ENHANCE AND IMPROVE
FILIPINO COMMUNITIES, TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC
GOALS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. - This Act shall be known as the "**commission on population and development (CPD) Modernization act of 2024**".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The State shall recognize that the population problem is a principal element in long-range planning if the government is to achieve their economic goals and fulfill the aspirations of their people.

It shall hereby be a declared policy of the state to elevate our capacity to preserve and protect its population.

The state shall strengthen institutional capacities to formulate, coordinate and implement integrated population and development strategies, policies, and programs based on socioeconomic and demographic data, information and knowledge.

The State realizes that an imminent and extensive modernization is long overdue.

Furthermore, the state clearly identifies that the modernization of the **CPD** shall vastly improve the efficiency of our nation's population development capabilities.

the State shall hereby provide the necessary support to fund and establish the immediate population development.

The State shall spearhead the application of modern techniques and technology to ensure the preservation and development of its population. Thus, to ensure the well-being of the entire nation.

SECTION 3. MODERNIZATION FUNDING. – The amount of Five Hundred Million Pesos (**Php 500,000,000.00**) for the operation and administration of the **Commission on Population Development (CPD)** shall be chargeable against funds for the purpose and other sources recommended by the **Department of Budget and Management (DBM)**.

Thereafter, appropriations for the **Commission on Population Development (CPD)** shall be included in the budget proposals under the **National Economic Development Authority (NEDA)**.

The Department of Budget and Management (**DBM**) shall rationalize the existing organizational structure and staffing pattern of the (**CPD**) in accordance with the prevailing provisions and relevant compensation and position classification laws, rules and regulations.

Thereafter, the amount needed for the continued implementation of the modernization program shall be included in the annual **General Appropriations Act (GAA)**.

SECTION 4. COMMISSION ON POPULATION DEVELOPMENT (CPD) MODERNIZATION FUND – There is hereby created the **commission on population development (CPD)** Modernization Fund to be used exclusively for the **commission on population development (CPD) Modernization** Program.

The **(CPD)** Modernization Fund shall be administered by the Secretary of the **NEDA** in accordance with existing government budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. PROGRESS REPORT – The Secretary of **NEDA** shall prepare an annual report on the status of the implementation of the **(CPD)** Modernization Programs which shall be submitted, to the Office of the **President** and to the Chairpersons of the Committee on Economic Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 6. INCREASE OF PERSONNEL. – The **commission on population development (CPD)** shall maintain a sufficient staffing pattern. Hence, it is authorized to increase its manpower to meet such required and may continue to increase personnel per percentage rate increase of committed mandates annually or as the need arises.

SECTION 7. PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION – The modernization program under this Act shall be implemented for an initial period of three **(3)** years:

Provided, that payments for multi-year contract obligations incurred under this Act may extend beyond this period:

Provided, further, That the **commission on population development (CPD)** shall continue to develop, modernize and constantly update its operational capabilities to keep pace with best global practices.

SECTION 8. SUPERVISING AND ASSESSMENT CONCERNS. — the **National Economic Development Authority (NEDA)**, shall provide the necessary technical and financial assistance to ensure the effective operations and build-up.

SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY. — The National Economic Development Authority (**NEDA**).

SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. — Within ninety (**90**) days from the effectivity of this Act, the **National Economic Development Authority (NEDA)** shall, in consultation with other concerned government and private agencies, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 11. 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.

The agencies concerned shall provide for the continued maintenance, operation, and management of all the facilities and equipment's.

SECTION 12. PERIODIC REPORTS - The Secretary of (**NEDA**) shall submit periodic reports on its findings and make recommendations on actions to be taken by both Congress and Senate and the appropriate departments, in order to carry out the objectives and mandates of this Act.

SECTION 13. AUTOMATIC REVIEW - Every three (**3**) years after the effectivity of this Act, an independent review panel composed of experts to be appointed by the **President** of the Republic shall review the policies and programs in the defense and security sector and shall make recommendations, based on its findings, to the President and to both Houses of Congress.

SECTION 14. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. — If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 15. REPEALING CLAUSE. — All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby modified, amended or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 16. EFFECTIVITY. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,