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Introduced by **Representative MA. VICTORIA CO-PILAR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

For generations, Metro Manila has faced a formidable and recurring adversary: the flood. It arrives with the fury of the storm, leaving a trail of devastation in its wake. This proposed legislation, the “Metro Manila Flood Management Act”, is not just a collection of laws; it is a Metro Manila-wide blueprint, a unified call to arms, and a strategic masterplan to finally turn the tide and build a future of resilience.

This act acknowledges that victory over the waters requires a concerted effort. At its heart is the creation of a **Metro Manila Flood Management Masterplan**, a comprehensive strategy that will cover the confines of Metro Manila. This is our grand battle plan, meticulously crafted to identify and fortify our most vulnerable points.

To execute this plan, the Act forges a formidable **Inter-Agency Task Force**, a council of guardians uniting key figures from the Department of Public Works and Highways, Metro Manila Development Authority, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. This task force is our central command, ensuring that all our forces—from national agencies to local governments—are marching in lockstep.

In essence, the “Flood Management Act” is a declaration of a new Metro Manila era. It is a commitment to proactive planning over reactive response, to coordinated action over fragmented efforts, and to punishing those who profit from our vulnerability. It is a blueprint to build not just stronger infrastructure, but a more resilient and secure future for all Filipinos living in Metro Manila.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING A MASTERPLAN FOR METRO MANILA FLOOD
MANAGEMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, 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 "Metro Manila Flood Management Act".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It shall be the policy of the State to uphold the constitutional right of the people for the protection of their life and property and the promotion of the general welfare. Towards this end, the State, shall establish and maintain a Metro Manila flood management masterplan, responsive to environmental or climatic events, in recognition of the vulnerability of the Philippines to climate change, the occurrence of severe floods, typhoons, and other natural or human-induced disasters, illnesses, diseases and other factors that affect the environment.

SEC. 3. *Establishment of a Metro Manila Flood Management Masterplan.* - There is hereby established a Metro Manila Flood Management Masterplan. Within two (2) months from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Economy, Planning and Development is hereby directed to review and assess the current Flood Management Masterplan for Metro Manila (the "Masterplan") and identify targets and reforms, as needed, for the purpose of ensuring its expedient and efficient implementation.

Sec. 4. *Inter-Agency Task Force for Flood Management.* - There is hereby created an Inter-Agency Task Force for Flood Management (the "Task Force") which shall oversee the implementation of the adopted Masterplan and coordinate the programs and activities of its member-agencies.

The Task Force shall be headed by the Secretary of Economy, Planning and Development as Chairperson, with the Secretary of Public Works and Highways, Secretary of Environmental and Natural Resources, Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Director of the University of the Philippines Diliman-National Institute for Geological Sciences, Administrator of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), and the chief executives of concerned LGUs as members.

The Task Force is hereby directed to coordinate with national government agencies and local government units for the efficient implementation of the Masterplan. It shall also submit an annual report to the Oversight Committee referred to in Section 6 hereof regarding the status of the structural and non-structural interventions in the Masterplan.

Sec. 5. *Institutional Roles.* - Pursuant to the objectives of this Act, the various government institutions of the Philippines shall have the following obligations:

- a) The DEPDev shall identify targets and reforms, as needed, for the regular updating of the Masterplan.
- b) The DPWH shall serve as the lead agency for planning, implementation, and evaluation.
- c) The MMDA shall manage inter-agency and inter-LGU coordination.
- d) The DILG shall ensure local compliance and policy alignment.
- e) The DENR shall provide ecological and hydrological data support.
- f) The LGUs shall align their drainage plans, ordinances, and local budgets with the master plan.

Sec. 6. *Creation of an Oversight Committee.* - For this purpose, Congress shall establish a Joint Congressional Oversight Committee (JCOC) composed of four (4) members of each House composed of the Chairpersons of the Senate Committee on Economic Affairs and Committee on Public Works, and the Chairpersons of the House Committee on Economic Affairs, Committee on Public Works and Highways, and Committee on Metro Manila Development, and the other members to be designated by the Senate President and the Speaker of the House, respectively. This Oversight Committee shall determine whether such acts, orders, rules, and regulations are within the restrictions provided herein.

Sec. 7. *Appropriations.* - The corresponding amount required for the construction and maintenance of flood management infrastructure nationwide pursuant to the Masterplan shall be appropriated on a multi-year basis and included in the General Appropriations Act each year following the effectivity of this Act.

Sec. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The DPWH and MMDA shall, within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

Sec. 9. *Separability Clause.* - If any provisions or part of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Sec. 10. *Repealing Clause.* - All other laws, decrees, executive orders, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules, or regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

Sec. 11. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,