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HOUSE BILL NO. 11044

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AN ACT
MANDATING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE YOUTH SECTOR IN ALL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCILS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10121, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2010

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to harness their power and ensure the participation and entry of the youth sector, especially those who are no longer members of the Sangguniang Kabataan, in the country’s disaster risk reduction and management system.

Considering the country’s vulnerability to natural disasters, especially with the impacts of climate change, it is important that all sectors, especially the majority of the population who are at the prime of their lives and technologically aware, are reminded and legally mandated to participate in and play an important role in disaster risk reduction.

Specifically, the bill mandates the inclusion of the Chairperson of the National Youth Commission as member of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC). Individuals and Youth organizations are likewise mandated to be included in all organizational levels of the disaster risk reduction and management system, in order to afford them a venue to participate and engage with government officials and community leaders in formulating, planning and programming activities.

In view of the foregoing, **ug sa ngalan sa SERBISYONG TINUORAY**, the undersigned respectfully requests the immediate passage of this measure.


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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 “*Youth Participation in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act.*”

SECTION 2. Section 3 of the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – For purpose of this Act, the following shall refer to:

“x x x

“(PP) “YOUTH” REFERS TO THOSE PERSONS WHOSE AGES RANGE FROM FIFTEEN (15) TO THIRTY (30) YEARS OLD, AS PROVIDED UNDER REPUBLIC

ACT NO. 8044, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “YOUTH IN NATION-BUILDING ACT”;

“(QQ) “YOUTH PARTICIPATION” REFERS TO THE PROCESS OF INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE INSTITUTIONS AND DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THEIR LIVES, INCLUDING ORGANIZING FOR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ACTIONS, PLANNING THEIR PROGRAMS, AND ADVOCATING THEIR INTEREST IN THE COMMUNITY TO RAISE CONSCIOUSNESS, EDUCATE OTHERS, AND PROVIDE SERVICES.”

SECTION 3. Section 5 of the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 5. *National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council.* – x x x

“x x x

“The National Council’s members shall be the following:

“(a) x x x;

“(W) CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONALO YOUTH COMMISSION (NYC);

“(X) x x x.”

SECTION 4. Section 7 of the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 7. *Authority of the NDRRMC Chairperson.* – The Chairperson of the NDRRMC may call upon other instrumentalities or entities of the government and non-government (and), civic, **AND YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, for assistance in terms of use of their facilities and resources for the protection and preservation of life and properties in the whole range of disaster risk reduction and management. This authority includes the power to call on the reserve force as defined in Republic Act No. 7077, **OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “CITIZEN ARMED FORCE OR ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES RESERVIST ACT”** to assist in relief and rescue during disasters or calamities.”**

SECTION 5. Section 10 of the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 10. Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Organization at the Regional Level. – x x x

“x x x

“The civil defense officers of the OCD who are may be designated as Regional Directors of the OCD shall serve as chairpersons of the RDRRMCs. Its Vice Chairpersons shall be the Regional Directors of the DSWD, the DILG, the DOST, and the NEDA. In the case of the BANGSAMORO Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), the [Regional Governor] CHIEF MINISTER shall be the RDRRMC Chairperson. The existing regional offices of the OCD shall serve as secretariat of the RDRRMCs. The RDMMCs shall be composed of the executives of regional offices and field stations at the regional level of the government agencies[.], **AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS.**

SECTION 6. Section 11 of the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 11. Organization at the Local Government Level. – x x x

“(a) x x x

“(1) x x x

“(17) A LOCAL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE IN CONSONANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION (NYC) AND THE DILG;

“(19) x x x.”

SECTION 7. Section 12 of 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 (LDRMO) –

“(a) x x x

“(b) x x x

“(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) x x x

“(8) Conduct continuous disaster monitoring and mobilize instrumentalities and entities of the LGUs, CSOs, private groups and organized volunteers, INCLUDING YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, to utilize their facilities and resources for the protection and preservation of life and properties during emergencies in accordance with existing policies and procedures;

“(9) x x x

“(17) MONITOR AND ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESPONSE AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUTH, SUCH AS MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHO-SOCIAL SERVICES, GENDER SENSITIVITY AND SECURITY, LIVELIHOOD, AND EDUCATION;

“(18) x x x;

“(d) The BDRRMC shall be a regular committee of the existing BDC and shall be subject thereto. The punong barangay shall facilitate and ensure the participation of at least ONE (1) YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE, THROUGH THE GUIDELINES FORMULATED BY THE NYC AND THE DILG; AND two (2) CSO representatives from existing and active community-based people’s organizations representing the most vulnerable and marginalized groups in the barangay.”

SECTION 8. Section 13 of the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 13. Accreditation, Mobilization, and Protection of Disaster Volunteers and National Service Reserve Corps, CSOs, YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, and the Private Sector. – The government agencies, **CSOs, YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**, private sector, and LGUs may mobilize individuals or organized volunteers to augment their respective personnel complement and logistical requirements in the delivery of disaster risk reduction programs and activities. The agencies, **CSOs, YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**, private sector, and LGUs concerned shall take full responsibility for the enhancement, welfare and protection of volunteers, and shall submit the list of volunteers to the OCD, through the **LDRRMOs**, for accreditation and inclusion in the database of community disaster volunteers.

“A national roster of ACDVs, National Service Reserve Corps, CSOs, **YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**, and the private sector shall be maintained by the OCD through the **LDRRMOs**. Accreditation shall be done at the municipal or city level.

“YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS UNDER THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION REGISTRATIOON PROGRAM (YORP) OF THE NYC, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT SPECIALIZE IN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT, SHALLBE TAPPED BY THE NDRRMC TO ASSIST IN PREPARING FOR RESPONDING TO, AND RECOVERING FROM DISASTERS.

“x x x.”

SECTION 9. Section 14 of the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 14. Integration of Disaster Risk Reduction Education into the School Curricula and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Program and Mandatory Training for the Public Sector Employees. – x x x

“The NDRRMC, the RDRRMCs, the LDRRMCs, the LDRRMOs, the BDRRMCS, [and] the SK councils, **AND THE BARANGAY YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE**, [~~encourage~~] **ENSURE** community, specifically the youth participation in disaster risk reduction and management activities, such as organizing quick response groups, particularly in identified disaster-prone areas, as well as the inclusion of disaster risk reduction and management programs as part of the SK programs and projects.

“x x x.”

SECTION 10. Section 15 of the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 15. *Coordination During Emergencies.* – x x x

(a) x x x

“The NDRRMC and intermediary LDRRMCs shall always act as support to LGUs which have the primary responsibility as first disaster responders. Private sector and civil society groups, INCLUDING YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, shall work in accordance with the coordination mechanism and policies set by the NDRRMC and concerned LDRRMCs.”

SECTION 11. Section 21 of the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 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, but not limited to, pre-disaster risk management activities such, but not limited to, pre-disaster preparedness programs including training, purchasing life-saving rescue equipment, supplies and medicines, for post-disaster activities, and for the payment of premiums on calamity insurance. NOT LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE LDRRMF SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO SUPPORT YOUTH-ORIENTED PRE- AND POST- DISASTER ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE YOUTH PLAN SUCH AS, TREE-PLANTING, TRAINING, INFORMATION DISSEMINATION, AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EFFORTS. 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.

“x x x

“x x x.”

SECTION 12. Non-impairment Clause. — Nothing in this Act shall be construed as to diminish, impair, or repeal rights recognized, granted, or made available to disadvantaged, marginalized, or specific sectors under existing laws.

SECTION 13. Separability Clause. — If any part, section or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 14. Repealing Clause. — All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, regulations, issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,