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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The term "typhoon" refers to the most notable tropical cyclones to enter the Philippine Area of Responsibility and affect the country. An average of twenty tropical cyclones hit the Philippines per year. Ondoy is one such storm. It had winds of 85 kilometers per hour with gusts of 100 kilometers per hour and hit the main island of Luzon near the town of Infanta. At least 70 people were reported dead as "Ondoy" hit the Philippines causing massive flooding. PAGASA reported that total rainfall for the period reached 410.6 millimeters (16 inches), breaking the previous single-day record of 334 millimeters in July 1967.

The National Government declared Manila and 25 other provinces to be in a "state of calamity" as heavy rains brought by the storm caused the worst flooding in the National Capital Region in some 20 years. High flood waters caused damage to private properties and infrastructure across several regions. This bill seeks to aid those affected by typhoon Ondoy by allocating additional funds for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the typhoon ravaged areas.

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1 AN ACT  
2 APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TEN BILLION PESOS (P10,000,000,000.00) AS  
3 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RELIEF  
4 OPERATIONS, RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF THE NATIONAL  
5 CAPITAL REGION AND OTHER AFFECTED REGIONS WHICH SUFFERED  
6 DEVASTATION BROUGHT ABOUT BY TYPHOON ONDOY

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

7 SECTION 1. *Appropriations.* – The sum of Ten Billion Pesos (P10,000,000,000.00) is  
8 appropriated for the implementation of relief operations, reconstruction and rehabilitation of the  
9 National Capital Region and other affected regions. The sum appropriated shall be called the  
10 “Ondoy Fund” or the “Fund.” Eight billion (P8,000,000,000.00) shall be sourced from the  
11 proceeds of the Road User’s Tax to be used exclusively for road maintenance and drainage  
12 improvement while the remaining two billion (P2,000,000,000.00) shall be sourced from  
13 counterpart LGU funds.

14 SECTION 2. *Guidelines in the Allocation of the Ondoy Fund.* – The Ondoy Fund herein  
15 appropriated shall be spent judiciously according to the principle of providing the greatest good  
16 for the greatest number of people. The following guidelines shall be observed in allocating the  
17 Ondoy Fund:

- 18 (a) Priority shall be given to roads and bridges, communications and power lines,  
19 hospitals, school buildings, water and irrigation systems and such other projects as  
20 drainage works, resettlement centers and home sites in the construction, repair and/or  
21 reconstruction of government infrastructure and facilities;

1 (b) Aid, relief, rehabilitation and livelihood shall be extended equitably to all victims,  
2 irrespective of political or party affiliations, gender, creed, religious belief, or ethnic  
3 origin, giving emphasis to livelihood and employment opportunities;

4 (c) No money shall be released without any identified program or project nor shall any  
5 sum from the Ondoy Fund be used to pay obligations incurred before the approval of  
6 this Act.

7 SECTION 3. *Use of the Ondoy Fund.* – The Ondoy Fund shall be used to cover the  
8 repair, rehabilitation and construction of roads, bridges, irrigation systems, school buildings,  
9 government buildings, sea ports and airports, hospitals, and other public infrastructures; purchase  
10 of hospital equipment, supplies and medicines, purchase of relocation sites; construction of  
11 housing units; and funding for the implementation of the Comprehensive Integrated Delivery of  
12 Social Services (CIDSS) under the Department of Social Welfare and Development, livelihood  
13 programs, agricultural assistance and other support programs for farmers and fisherfolks.

14 SECTION 4. *Creation of the Typhoon Damaged Areas Rehabilitation and Development*  
15 *Commission.* – For purposes of this Act, the Typhoon Damaged Areas Rehabilitation and  
16 Development Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, is hereby created. The  
17 Commission shall be organized within thirty (30) days after the approval of this Act and shall  
18 exist for a term of two (2) years after its organization. Such amounts as may be necessary solely  
19 and exclusively for the organizational and operational expenses of the commission shall be set  
20 aside from the amount herein appropriated.

21 SECTION 5. *Composition of the Commission.* – The Commission shall be composed of  
22 the Cabinet Officer for Regional Development as Chairperson, with the following as members:  
23 the Chairmen of the Regional Development Councils affected; the Regional Directors of the  
24 Department of Public Works and Highways, Social Welfare and Development, Agriculture,  
25 Education, Health and two (2) members representing the Local Government Units to be

1 appointed by the President and two (2) members of the House of Representatives to be appointed  
2 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

3 SECTION 6. *Powers and Functions of the Commission.* – The Commission shall have  
4 the following powers:

5 (a) Formulate policies and plans for relief operations, reconstruction, rehabilitation and  
6 construction, rehabilitation and construction of public infrastructure, livelihood and  
7 other social support services in harmony with plans and policies of the National  
8 Government;

9 (b) Prioritize and coordinate the implementation of the various programs and projects of  
10 the Commission;

11 (c) Coordinate and consult with concerned national and local officials as well as  
12 accredited non-government organizations in the determination of priorities and the  
13 implementation of the programs and projects of the Commission;

14 (d) Call upon any department, office, instrumentality, agency or political subdivision of  
15 the Government for assistance as may be needed; and

16 (e) Perform such powers and functions as may be necessary and proper to carry out the  
17 purpose of this Act.

18 SECTION 7. *Secretariat of the Commission.* – The Regional Development Council of the  
19 National Capital Region shall serve as the Secretariat of the Commission and shall assist the  
20 Commission in carrying out its functions.

21 SECTION 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within fifteen (15) days from the  
22 effectivity of this Act, the President, with the assistance of the National Disaster Coordinating  
23 Council shall issue the implementing rules and regulations to effectively carry out the provisions  
24 of this Act.

1 SECTION 9. *Submission of Reports to Congress.* – The Commission shall submit to the  
2 President and to Congress, through the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee  
3 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, a detailed quarterly report on the funds  
4 allocated indicating the amount released, obligated and disbursed for:

5 (a) Aid, relief, reconstruction, rehabilitation, social support and livelihood services,  
6 including the list of names of approved individual beneficiaries, contractors and other  
7 service providers, and the evaluation of the effectiveness of the delivery systems of  
8 such services; and

9 (b) Construction, repair and/or reconstruction of infrastructure projects, including the list  
10 of contractors and projects being financed, and the accomplishment thereof.

11 SECTION 10. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision, or part hereof is held invalid or  
12 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain  
13 valid and subsisting.

14 SECTION 11. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
15 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent  
16 with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

17 SECTION 12. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
18 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,