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EXPLANATORY NOTE

As of September 29, 2009, the number of fatalities caused by Typhoon Ondoy is now at 247 the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) announced. NDCC said the National Capital Region had the most number of deaths with 101. Region IV-A is at second with 99 fatalities, followed by Region III and the Cordillera Administrative Region with 37 and three deaths, respectively. Thirty-seven persons were reported missing, the NDCC added.

Meanwhile, NDCC placed the total cost of damage from the storm at P2,339,620,884. An estimated P278 million worth of roads and bridges were damaged by Typhoon Ondoy's fury, with most of the damages recorded in National Capital Region (NCR) and Central Luzon.

Other areas hardest hit by typhoon are Ilocos with the initial cost damage of P23.6 million; Cordillera, P 23.3 million; Cagayan Valley, P38.1 million; Calabarzon, P30 million; Mimaropa, P30 million; and Bicol, P33 million.


Some 319,881 families were affected by the storm. NDCC also said the homes of nearly 1.9 million people in the capital and surrounding areas were inundated, with nearly 380,000 people brought to schools, churches and other evacuation centers.

This bill seeks to provide a three-year 100 billion pesos reconstruction and rebuild program for affected local government units and communities due to the damages caused by Typhoon Ondoy.

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


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**AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A THREE-YEAR 100 BILLION PESOS
RECONSTRUCTION AND REBUILD PROGRAM FOR AFFECTED LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNITS AND COMMUNITIES DUE TO THE DAMAGES
CAUSED BY TYPHOON ONDOY**

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. - An amount of 100 BILLION PESOS (PHP100,000,000,000.) is hereby appropriated for the rehabilitation of the local government units and communities due to the damages caused by Typhoon Ondoy.

The amount herein appropriated is separate from the regular appropriations for the above mentioned provinces to be provided for under the appropriations act.

SECTION 3. Use of Funds. - The amount shall cover the rehabilitation, repair and reconstruction of roads, bridges, irrigation systems, school buildings, government buildings, sea ports and airports, Department of Health and regional hospitals, and other infrastructures; purchase of school desks, textbooks and workbooks, hospital equipment, supplies and medicines; purchase of relocation sites and construction of housing units; and funding for the Comprehensive Integrated Delivery of Social Services (CIDSS) under the Department of Social Welfare and Development, livelihood programs and support to farmers and fishermen, and other agricultural support programs.

SECTION 4. Creation of a Commission. A Commission is hereby created and hereinafter referred to as the "Commission", to be composed of the Director-General of the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) as Chairman and the Secretaries of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH),

Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Manager of the National Housing Authority (NHA), as members, and two (2) members from the Local Government Units to be appointed by the President.

The members of the Commission shall not receive any remuneration or compensation in relation to their tasks in the Commission.

SECTION 5. Powers and Functions of the Commission. - The Commission shall identify the projects to be funded and submit the same to the President for approval. The Commission may accept proposals for funding from the local government units, other government agencies and the private sector, such as but not limited to, non-governmental organizations, people's organizations and the business sector, and decide which projects will be funded for approval of the President. The Commission may also conduct consultations from the different sectors in the affected areas to help them identify the projects to be funded.

Upon approval by the President of the projects submitted by the Commission for funding, it shall publish such list. The Commission shall identify the projects to be funded within three (3) years upon the effectivity of this Act and shall thereafter cease to exist *functus officio*.

SECTION 6. Quorum. - Six (6) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum to transact business. The decision of the majority of members constituting a quorum shall be carried.

SECTION 7. Secretariat of the Commission. - The Secretariat shall assist the Commission in carrying out its functions.

SECTION 8. Administrative Fund of the Commission. - An amount of Twelve Million Pesos (PHP 12,000,000.) from the fund is hereby allocated for the administrative expenses of the Commission.

SECTION 9. Submission to Congress. - The Commission shall submit to the Congress of the Philippines, through the Chairmen of the Committee on Appropriations, in the case of the House of Representatives, and Committee on Finance, in the case of the Senate, an itemized list of projects to be funded within thirty (30) days from the approval of the President.

No funding for specific project shall be released unless the project has been submitted to the Congress of the Philippines.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause. All laws, presidential decrees and issuances, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. Separability Clause. If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Act shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,