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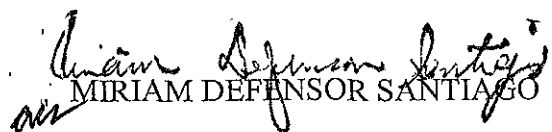
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Department of National Defense to give grants on a competitive basis to local government units (LGUs) to assist predisaster hazard mitigation strategies, and the use of technical and financial assistance to support programs that provide grants to low income homeowners for wind and flood inspections of their principal residences and for implementation of hazard mitigation improvements.

The enhancement program would provide LGUs with funds for projects that have a direct, on-the-ground impact for residents of low to moderate income homes, as well as the less addressed population of apartment residents and small business owners.

  
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1 AN ACT  
2 TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM FOR PREDISASTER HAZARD  
3 MITIGATION ENHANCEMENT

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

4 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Predisaster Hazard  
5 Mitigation Enhancement Program Act of 2009”.

6 SEC. 2. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act, the term:

7 (A) “Eligible entity” means any of the local government units, as defined under  
8 the Local Government Code, that--

9 (1) has a mitigation plan approved by the Secretary;

10 (2) implements public awareness campaigns to encourage improvements  
11 to structures to mitigate hazards relating to natural disasters; and

12 (3) takes steps to encourage mitigation actions with respect to repetitive  
13 loss structures within the jurisdiction of such entity; and

14 (B) “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Department of National Defense.

1           SEC. 3. *Predisaster Hazard Mitigation Enhancement.* –

2           (A) Purpose. – To provide grants to eligible entities to assist hazard mitigation  
3           strategies that save lives, improve the structural integrity of property affected  
4           by natural disasters, and provide hazard mitigation cost savings to the  
5           Philippine Government.

6           (B) Grants Authorized. – The Secretary may make grants, on a competitive basis,  
7           to eligible entities.

8           (C) Application. – To be eligible for a grant, an eligible entity shall submit an  
9           application to the Secretary in accordance with regulations issued by him not  
10          later than six months after the date of effectivity of this Act.

11          (D) Minimum Standards. – An eligible entity that receives a grant shall carry out  
12          any repair, construction, renovation, or retrofit assisted by such grant in  
13          accordance with the following:

14               (1) Applicable standards of safety and sanitation.

15               (2) Applicable codes, specifications, and standards of the National  
16               Building Code.

17               (3) Safe land use and construction practice standards.

18          (E) Allocation of Amounts. – Of the amounts appropriated for making grants in a  
19          fiscal year, the Secretary shall require eligible entities to allocate:

20               (1) 50 percent of grant amounts to programs that address the mitigation  
21               needs of single family housing units;

- 1           (2) 30 percent of grant amounts to programs that address the mitigation  
2           needs of multi-family housing units and residential rental dwelling  
3           units; and  
4           (3) 20 percent of grant amounts to programs that address the mitigation  
5           needs of small businesses.

6           SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* – The funds needed for the initial implementation of this  
7 Act shall be charged against the appropriations of the Department of National Defense.  
8 After that, such amount as may be necessary for its full implementation shall be included  
9 in the annual General Appropriations Act as a distinct and separate item.

10          SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part of this Act, is held invalid  
11 or unconstitutional, the remainder of the Act or the provision not otherwise affected shall  
12 remain valid and subsisting.

13          SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
14 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or  
15 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended  
16 accordingly.

17          SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
18 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

          Approved,  
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