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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 2, Section 16 provides:

The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

Within the past decade alone, our country has lost thousands of lives and suffered billions of pesos in damages as a result of natural calamities. This is largely attributed to climate change. As a nation, we must accept this reality and adapt to the challenges that climate change presents. One way to fight the challenges of climate change is to understand both the impact of our way of life to the environment and the long term effect of climate change to our way of life.

This bill authorizes the Secretary of Interior and Local Government to award grants to Local Government Units in the coastal areas to aid them in studying and planning for the effects of climate change and establish programs that would allow them to minimize, if not prevent, losses to lives and properties.

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

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3 PROGRAM

4 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act may be cited as the “Coastal Climate
5 Change Adaptation Act.”

6 SECTION 2. . *Establishment of Coastal Climate Change Adaptation*
7 *Program.* – The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall
8 establish a Coastal Climate Change Adaptation to:

- 9 1. Provide assistance to coastal local government units (CLGUs) to
10 voluntarily develop coastal climate change adaptation programs to
11 minimize contributions to climate change and prepare for and reduce the
12 negative consequences that may result from climate change; and
- 13 2. Provide financial and technical assistance and training to enable CLGUs
14 to implement plans developed pursuant to this Act.

1 SECTION 3. *Climate Change Adaptation Planning Grants.* – The Secretary
2 of DILG shall, in consultation with CLGUs, issue guidelines for the
3 implementation of the grant program under this Act. Pursuant to such guidelines,
4 the Secretary may make grant to any CLGUs for the purpose of developing climate
5 change adaptation plans.

6 SECTION 4. *Contents of the Plan.* – A plan developed with a grant under
7 this section shall include the following:

- 8 1. Identification of public facilities and public services, working
9 waterfronts, coastal resources of national significance, coastal waters,
10 energy facilities, or other land and water uses located in the coastal zone
11 that are likely to be impacted by climate change;
- 12 2. Adaptive management strategies for land use to respond or adapt to
13 changing environmental conditions, including strategies to protect
14 biodiversity, protect water quality, and establish habitat buffer zones,
15 migration corridors, and climate refugia;
- 16 3. Requirements to initiate and maintain long-term monitoring of
17 environmental change to assess coastal zone adaptation and to adjust
18 when necessary adaptive management strategies and new planning
19 guidelines;
- 20 4. Other information considered necessary by the Secretary to identify the
21 full range of climate change impacts affecting coastal communities.

1 SECTION 5. *Prioritization.* – In awarding grants, as provided in this Act,
2 the Secretary of DILG, upon its own determination, shall give priority to CLGUs
3 who are most prone to climate change disasters.

4 SECTION 4. *Report.* – Within two (2) years from the effectivity of this Act,
5 DILG shall submit an accomplishment report of the grant program the appropriate
6 committees in Senate and the House of Representatives.

7 SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
8 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation
9 contrary to or is inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed,
10 modified, or amended accordingly.

11 SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
12 days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

13 Approved,