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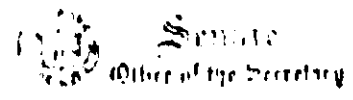
EXPLANATORY NOTE

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 pre-disaster 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.¹

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Pre-Disaster Hazard
2 Mitigation Enhancement Program Act.”

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

4 (A) “Eligible entity” means any of the local government units, as defined under
5 the Local Government Code, that –

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

7 (2) implements public awareness campaigns to encourage
8 improvements to structures to mitigate hazards relating to natural
9 disasters; and

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

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

13 SECTION 3. *Predisaster Hazard Mitigation Enhancement.* –

14 (A) Purpose. – To provide grants to eligible entities to assist hazard mitigation
15 strategies that save lives, improve the structural integrity of property affected

1 by natural disasters, and provide hazard mitigation cost savings to the
2 Philippine Government.

3 (B) Grants Authorized. – The Secretary may award grants, on a competitive
4 basis, to eligible entities.

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

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

11 (1) Applicable standards of safety and sanitation.

12 (2) Applicable codes, specifications, and standards of the National
13 Building Code.

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

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

17 (1) 50 percent of grant amounts to programs that address the mitigation
18 needs of single family housing units;

19 (2) 30 percent of grant amounts to programs that address the mitigation
20 needs of multi-family housing units and residential rental dwelling
21 units; and

22 (3) 20 percent of grant amounts to programs that address the mitigation
23 needs of small businesses.

24 SECTION 4. *Appropriations.* – The funds needed for the initial implementation of
25 this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of the Department of National

1 Defense. After that, such amount as may be necessary for its full implementation shall be
2 included in the annual General Appropriations Act as a distinct and separate item.

3 SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
4 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
5 provisions hereof.

6 SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or
7 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby
8 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

9 SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
10 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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