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AN ACT
EMPOWERING THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN TO RESPOND TO
EMERGENCY AND DISASTER SITUATIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE
BARANGAYS, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.
10742, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN REFORM
ACT OF 2015," AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11768

Explanatory Note

Given its location in the "Pacific Ring of Fire" and along the typhoon belt, the Philippines is prone to natural disasters, including storms, floods, landslides, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions. The youth, as the hope and future of our country, should be taught and trained in disaster response.

Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10742, or the "Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015," as amended by R.A. 11768, provides:

The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and thus, promotes and protects their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being, inculcates in them patriotism, nationalism and other desirable values, and encourages their involvement in public and civic affairs.

Towards this end, the State shall establish adequate, effective, responsive and enabling mechanisms and support systems that will ensure the meaningful participation of the youth in local governance and nation-building.

Under R.A. 10742, as amended, there shall be a Katipunan ng Kabataan in every barangay which shall be composed of all Filipino citizens residing in the barangay for at least six (6) months and who are at least fifteen (15) but not more than thirty (30) years of age. The Katipunan ng Kabataan shall elect the chairperson and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan, and shall serve as the highest-policy making body on matters affecting the youth in the barangay. Clearly, the Katipunan ng Kabataan and the Sangguniang Kabataan are a vast and valuable resource of young people who can be trained in disaster mitigation and preparedness to be able to respond in times of crisis in their barangays.

This measure mandates emergency and disaster response as part of the functions of the Sangguniang Kabataan. It also provides that mandatory training programs for the Sangguniang Kabataan should include emergency and disaster response in their respective barangays.

In the light of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

1 **Section 1.** A new Section 8 (j) of Republic Act No. 10742, otherwise known as
2 the "Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015," as amended by Republic Act No.
3 11768, is hereby inserted to read as follows:

4 "Sec. 8. *Powers and Functions of the Sangguniang Kabataan.* – The
5 Sanggunian Kabataan shall:

6 "(a) x x x

7 "x x x

8 **"(J) RESPOND TO EMERGENCY AND DISASTER SITUATIONS**
9 **IN THEIR RESPECTIVE BARANGAYS WHENEVER NECESSARY AND**
10 **PROPER; AND**

11 "~~(j)~~ (K) x x x

1 [~~(k)~~] (L) x x x.”

2 **Section 2.** Section 29 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 “Sec. 29. *Components of the Mandatory Training Programs.* – The
4 Commission and the Department of the Interior and Local Government
5 (DILG) with the assistance of the Development Academy of the Philippines
6 (DAP), the Local Government Academy (LGA), the University of the
7 Philippines-National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP-
8 NCPAG), and in consultation with youth stakeholders shall jointly design and
9 implement the mandatory and continuing training programs. The mandatory
10 training programs must include the following components: (a) (1) The
11 Philippine cultural history, political systems, ethics and ideologies; (2) The
12 Filipino as a nation builder; (3) The Filipino youth and its role in nation-
13 building; [~~and~~] (b) capability building on leadership, program and project
14 development and sustainability, financial management, and accountability
15 and transparency; **AND (C) CAPACITY BUILDING ON EMERGENCY AND**
16 **DISASTER RESPONSE, INCLUDING IDENTIFYING ORGANIZATIONAL**
17 **RESOURCES, DESIGNATION OF ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES,**
18 **CREATING PROCEDURES AND POLICIES, AND ORGANIZING**
19 **ACTIVITIES THAT IMPROVE DISASTER READINESS AND RESPONSE.**
20 The Commission and the DILG may also coordinate with the Department of
21 Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and TESDA, for
22 the offering of relevant courses that emphasize the role of education and
23 skills development in nation-building and would further enhance the
24 knowledge, network, and capacity of Sangguniang Kabataan officials and
25 LYDC members to craft and implement relevant youth development plans.”

26 **Section 3. *Separability Clause.*** – If any part or provision of this Act is
27 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected
28 thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

1 **Section 4. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, executive orders, presidential
2 decrees, rules and regulations, and other issuances inconsistent with the provisions
3 of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

4 **Section 5. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following
5 its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
6 circulation.

Approved,