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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Emergencies and disasters are a common feature in our lives here in the Philippines. For most part, the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) has done its job in staying on top of the situation and dealing with these calamities as they come. In order to assist them, the public sector should be trained on how to deal with various emergencies and disasters since they are the ones who face them initially. Our citizens look to our government for direction in times of crisis so it is important that all employee in the public sector know what to do in these situation.

To carry out this task of preparing our public sector for calamities, the NDCC should study the best practices in training and develop a standard curriculum for training. This way, the trainings conducted will be equally effective all over the country.

This bill seeks to mandate the NDCC to formulate and maintain a standard training curriculum for all public sector employees in dealing with and planning for emergencies and disasters. *

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1 AN ACT
2 TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CURRICULUM FOR TRAINING
3 PROGRAMS FOR PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES ON EMERGENCY AND DISASTER
4 PREPAREDNESS

5 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of representatives of the Philippines in*
6 *Congress assembled:*

7 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Public Sector Training
8 Program for Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Act.”

9 SECTION 2. *Curriculum Development.* – The National Disaster Coordinating Council
10 (NDCC) shall maintain, and update periodically, a current curriculum of courses necessary to
11 train public sector emergency response and preparedness teams in matters relating disasters and
12 emergencies. NDCC shall consult with educational institutions and non-government
13 organizations throughout the country that provide training for responding to disasters and
14 emergencies.

15 For purposes of this Act, public sector employees shall mean all persons in civil service.

16 SECTION 3. *Requirements.* – The curriculum maintained and updated under this Act:

17 (A) shall include--

18 (1) a recommended course of study to train public sector employees to respond to
19 emergencies and disasters and to plan for those responses;

20 (2) recommended basic courses and minimum number of hours of instruction
21 necessary for public sector employees to be able to respond safely and efficiently
22 to emergencies and disasters and to plan those responses; and

1 (3) all available government funded emergency and disaster response training
2 programs; and

3 (B) may include recommendations on material appropriate for use in a recommended
4 basic course described in paragraph A2 of this section.

5 SECTION 4. *Training for Compliance.* – The recommended basic course as described in
6 the previous section shall provide the training necessary for public sector employees to comply
7 with existing laws, regulations and standards observed in responding to emergencies and
8 disasters.

9 SECTION 5. *Distribution and Publication* – NDCC shall distribute the curriculum and
10 any updates to the curriculum to the all agencies and organizations tasked in conducting training
11 for responding to emergencies and disasters.

12 NDCC may publish and distribute a list of programs and courses maintained and updated
13 under this Act and of any programs utilizing such courses.

14 SECTION 6. *Appropriations.* – To carry out the provisions of this Act, such amount as
15 hereby necessary is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National Treasury. Thereafter,
16 the amount necessary for the continuation of the program shall be included in the annual
17 appropriation of the National Disaster Coordinating Council.

18 SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
19 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
20 valid and subsisting.

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

24 SECTION 9. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
25 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

26 Approved,