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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.¹

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¹ This bill was originally filed in the third regular session of the 14th Congress.

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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 “Pre-disaster Hazard
5 Mitigation Enhancement Program Act.”

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.

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

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

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

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

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

9 (1) Applicable standards of safety and sanitation.

10 (2) Applicable codes, specifications, and standards of the National
11 Building Code.

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

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

15 (1) 50 percent of grant amounts to programs that address the mitigation
16 needs of single family housing units;

17 (2) 30 percent of grant amounts to programs that address the mitigation
18 needs of multi-family housing units and residential rental dwelling
19 units; and

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

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

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

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

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

Approved,