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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The three typhoons — namely "Ondoy," "Pepeng" and "Quedan," have ravaged much of Luzon, rendering towns and cities inhabitable for days as they were inundated in floods and soup mud.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services, Administration (PAGASA) said that the unexpected flood caused by Typhoons Ondoy and Pepeng was the worst one ever recorded in history.

The victims of the typhoons and floods have lost almost all of their most important belongings. Many of them had their cars damaged, important papers and documents--certificates, passports, land titles- have either gone missing or destroyed.

This bill intends to establish One-Stop Action Office which will be tasked to assist in the reconstitution of official dossiers, papers and other documents damaged by the typhoons and floods.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING ONE-STOP ACTION OFFICE TO ASSIST IN THE RECONSTITUTION OF OFFICIAL DOSSIERS AND PAPERS DAMAGED BY TYPHOONS, FLOODS AND OTHER CALAMITIES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known and cited as the One-Stop Action Office (OSAO) Act of 2009.

SEC. 2. Creation of One-Stop Action Office - There shall be established, under the control and supervision of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), One-Stop Action Office (OSAO) hereinafter referred to as OSAO.

The OSAO shall assist the victims of typhoons and floods in the reconstitution of official dossiers, papers and documents damaged by such disasters.

The OSAO shall maintain in all devastated areas one-stop action centers to be determined by the DILG and the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC).

- SEC. 3. The DILG shall appoint the necessary staff and employees to operate the one-stop action centers, subject to the civil service laws, rules and regulations.
- SEC. 4. Issuance of Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of the Interior and Local Government and the National Disaster Coordinating Council in consultation with appropriate agencies, shall promulgate the rules and regulations to implement tile provisions of this Act. Such rules and regulations shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

- SEC. 5. The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged to the current appropriations of the Department of the Interior and Local Government. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- SEC. 6. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional, the remainder of the Act not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.
- SEC. 7. Repealing Clause. All laws, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- SEC. 8. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation

Approved,