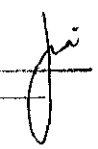




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In August 2012, the Philippines experienced torrential rains of calamity proportions. It comprised an eight-day period of intense rain and thunder storms. It was not actually a typhoon, but a strong movement of the Southwest Monsoon; however, the damage was almost as massive as that caused by Typhoon Ondoy. Thus, that period from August 1 up to August 8 was termed "Ang Hagupit ng Habagat" (*The Wrath of the Monsoon*), and also "Bagsik ng Habagat" (*Worst of Monsoon*). The heavy rains affected particularly the National Capital Region; the provinces of the CALABARZON Region, namely, Quezon, Cavite, Laguna and Rizal; and the provinces of Region 3, namely, Bulacan, Pampanga and Bataan.

By August 8, more than one million families were affected. The NCR and nine nearby provinces were placed under a state of calamity. 90 percent of Metro Manila was submerged in flooding, with some areas flooding up to 2 storeys.

The floods caused serious damage to homes, farms, vehicles, and other property. It is estimated that the intense flooding and heavy rains left 95 persons dead, 8,428 homes destroyed, and 6,706 homes damaged. Losses throughout the country amounted to at least Php604.63 million or US\$14.31 million.

In order to recover from the debilitating effects of this catastrophe, many of the victims need additional resources outside from their usual income. Not everyone, however, has access to calamity assistance funding. Hence, this bill seeks to create a Flood Fund, which will provide financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans to those adversely affected by the flood.\*

  
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\* This bill was originally filed during the Fifteenth Congress, Third Regular Session.



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1 AN ACT  
2 CREATING THE FLOOD RECOVERY FUND ACT

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

3 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “The Flood Recovery Fund  
4 Act.”

5 SECTION 2. *Creation of Flood Recovery Fund.* – Financial assistance shall be made  
6 available to Filipino citizens who are residents of the Philippines and who have been adversely  
7 affected by flooding. Financial assistance shall be in the form of no-interest loans.

8 SECTION 3. *Flood Recovery Fund Action Centers.* – There shall be established, under  
9 the control and supervision of the Secretary of Social Welfare and Development (hereinafter “the  
10 Secretary”), the Flood Recovery Fund Action Centers (FRFAC) with offices in all devastated  
11 areas to be determined by the Secretary, with the assistance of the National Disaster  
12 Coordinating Council (NDCC). The FRFAC shall process applications for financial assistance  
13 from the Fund.

14 SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the  
15 approval of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the appropriate government agencies,  
16 shall promulgate the rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act. Such rules  
17 and regulations shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general  
18 circulation.

1           SECTION 5. *Appropriations.* — To carry out the provisions of this Act, such amount as  
2 may be necessary is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National Treasury.  
3 Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continuous operation of the Commission shall be  
4 included in the annual appropriation of the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

5           SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* — If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or  
6 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain  
7 valid and subsisting.

8           SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* — Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
9 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or inconsistent  
10 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

11           SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
12 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,