



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. Jt. Res. No. 07

BY REPRESENTATIVES BELMONTE (F.), GONZALES (N.), ZAMORA (R.),
UNGAB, NAVA, ANGPING, ALMARIO, LOBREGAT, EVARDONE, CUA,
QUISUMBING, ZAMORA (M.), BATAOIL, PIAMONTE, SY-ALVARADO,
ONG, SINGSON (E.), ERICE, SUANSING, RAMOS, RIVERA, YAP (A.),
MERCADO-REVILLA, BLAZON, ANTONINO-NADRES AND BATOCABE

JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF
APPROPRIATIONS UNDER THE CALAMITY FUND AND QUICK
RESPONSE FUND, INCLUDING THOSE SOURCED FROM
SAVINGS REALIGNED IN THE CURRENT YEAR, AS WELL AS
ALL UNOBLIGATED ALLOTMENTS AND UNRELEASED
APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER
OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS UNDER
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10352 OR THE FY 2013 GENERAL
APPROPRIATIONS ACT UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2014,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 63 OF THE
GENERAL PROVISIONS THEREIN

WHEREAS, Section 63 of the General Provisions in Republic Act (R.A.)
No. 10352 or the FY 2013 General Appropriations Act (GAA) provides:

“Sec. 63. Availability of Appropriations. All appropriations authorized in this Act shall be available for release and obligation for the purposes specified, and under the same special provisions applicable thereto, until the end of FY 2013: Provided, That a report on these releases and obligations shall be submitted to the Senate Committee on

Finance and House Committee on Appropriations, either in printed form or by way of electronic document.”

WHEREAS, the country has been affected by several natural and man-made disasters and calamities including, but not limited to, the devastating typhoons “Labuyo”, “Odette”, “Pablo”, “Sendong”, “Santi” and “Vinta”, the siege and unrest in Zamboanga City, the magnitude 7.2 earthquake in Bohol and Cebu, and the recent onslaught of Super Typhoon “Yolanda” which severely hit the Visayas and Central Philippines, including Southern Tagalog;

WHEREAS, the onslaught of said calamities affected individuals and communities and drastically shook the nation’s core and disrupted government functions, especially those in the areas of relief and rescue operations;

WHEREAS, given the overwhelming effects of these calamities to the country, the national and local governments may not be able to obligate funds necessary to fully implement the programs and projects specified in the FY 2013 General Appropriations Act before the end of the fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the unobligated allotments and unreleased appropriations for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) and Capital Outlays (CO) for FY 2013 are urgently needed for the implementation of priority programs and projects, such as the maintenance, reconstruction, repair and rehabilitation of schools, hospitals, roads, bridges, and other buildings and essential facilities as well as other expenditures required for the operations of the national and local governments;

WHEREAS, the massive mobilization of private individuals, organizations, corporations and local government units during the recent relief operations exemplified the need for the entire country to assist and contribute to the rehabilitation process;

WHEREAS, it is clearly imperative that Section 63 of the General Provisions of R.A. No. 10352 should be amended such that the validity of the appropriations for MOOE and CO in the FY 2013 General Appropriations Act is extended for another fiscal year or until December 31, 2014: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives and the Senate, voting*
2 *separately, To extend the validity of appropriations under the Calamity Fund*

1 and the Quick Response Fund, including those sourced from savings realigned
2 in the current year, as well as all unobligated allotments and unreleased
3 appropriations for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses and Capital
4 Outlays under Republic Act No. 10352 or the FY 2013 General
5 Appropriations Act until December 31, 2014, amending for the purpose
6 Section 63 of the General Provisions therein.

Approved,

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