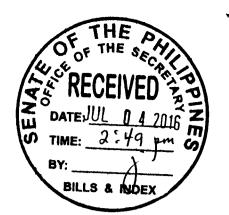
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The objective of the proposed bill is to augment the financial and other resources of the country intended to provide much needed assistance to victims of disaster.

Thus, this bill proposes to amend Section 35 of Republic Act No. 8424, as amended, or the National Internal Revenue Code of the Philippines, by granting individual taxpayers additional personal exemption for contributions or donations made to the national and local government, educational and/or charitable, religious, cultural or social welfare corporation, institution, accredited nongovernment organization, foundations, and trust or philanthropic organization, which will be used to aid disaster victims.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly recommended.

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

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SECTION 1. A new Section 35 (E) is inserted after Section 35 (D) of Republic Act No. 8424, as amended, or the National Internal Revenue Code of the Philippines, to read as follows:

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"SEC. 35. Allowance of Personal Exemption for Individual Taxpayer. - XXX

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ADDITIONAL **EXEMPTION FOR** CONTRIBUTIONS TO DISASTER VICTIMS AND AREAS AFFECTED BY DISASTERS. -THERE SHALL BE ALLOWED AN ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION OF NOT EXCEEDING TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000) FOR ACTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES OR TO ANY OF its AGENCIES OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING **FULLY-OWNED GOVERNMENT** CORPORATIONS. **EDUCATIONAL** AND/OR CHARITABLE. RELIGIOUS, CULTURAL OR SOCIAL WELFARE CORPORATION, INSTITUTION, ACCREDITED NONGOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION, FOUNDATIONS, AND TRUST OR PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATION, EXCLUSIVELY TO FINANCE, TO PROVIDE FOR, OR TO BE USED IN **UNDERTAKING** DISASTER RELIEF, RECOVERY. REHABILITATION EFFORTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES NECESSARY FOR, AND IN CONNECTION WITH, THE POST-RECOVERY EFFORTS FOR AREAS AFFECTED BY DISASTER.

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"DISASTER" **MEANS** Α **SERIOUS** DISRUPTION **OF** THE FUNCTIONING OF A COMMUNITY OR A SOCIETY INVOLVING WIDESPREAD HUMAN, MATERIAL, **ECONOMIC** OR ENVIRONMENTAL LOSSES AND IMPACTS, WHICH EXCEEDS THE ABILITY OF THE AFFECTED COMMUNITY OR SOCIETY TO COPE USING ITS OWN RESOURCES. DISASTERS ARE OFTEN DESCRIBED AS A RESULT OF THE COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

EXPOSURE TO HAZARDS; CONDITIONS OF VULNERABILITY THAT ARE PRESENT: AND INSUFFICIENT CAPACITY OR MEASURES TO REDUCE **COPE** OR WITH THE POTENTIAL **NEGATIVE** CONSEQUENCES. DISASTER IMPACTS MAY INCLUDE LOSS OF LIFE, INJURY, DISEASE, AND OTHER NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON PHYSICAL, **MENTAL** AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING. TOGETHER WITH DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, DESTRUCTION OF ASSETS, LOSS OF SERVICES, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DISRUPTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION."

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SECTION 2. *Implementation*. The Bureau of Internal Revenue, in consultation with all relevant government agencies shall issue implementing rules and regulations within ninety (90) days from effectivity hereof, and such other rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

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SECTION 3. Separability Clause. If any portion or provision of this Act is declared void and unconstitutional, the remaining portions or provisions hereof shall not be affected by such declaration.

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SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 5. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

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