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**AN ACT**

**AMENDING TITLE V – BOOK III OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, PROPOSING A PERMANENT ITEM FOR A DISASTER OFFICER IN EVERY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

An inexhaustible number of deadly typhoons, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and other natural disasters have brought its wrath into the Philippines. This is mainly because of the country's geographic location – being along the Ring of Fire, or typhoon belt. The Ring of Fire is one of the most geologically active areas where active volcanoes are located surrounding the Pacific Ocean.

This fact alone makes it imperative for the country to have a systematic disaster risk reduction and response mechanism that would equip Filipinos in dealing with natural disasters.

In response, Republic Act 10121, otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 was enacted. Pursuant to the law, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Framework (NDRRMF) shall provide a **community-based** disaster risk reduction and management, a process of disaster risk reduction and management in which at risk communities are actively engaged in the identification, analysis, treatment, monitoring and evaluation of disaster risks in order to reduce their vulnerabilities, and enhance their capacities. It also puts the people at the heart of decision-making and implementation of disaster

risk reduction and management activities; and provide for comprehensive, all hazards, multi-sectoral, inter-agency and community-based approach to disaster risk reduction and management. In this light, it is significant that each local government assign a disaster risk officer with a permanent status and be required to establish an office that is exclusively for disaster risk operations. With this, it will be easier to satisfy the purpose in providing assistance in their respective communities in times of devastation, and for those affected people to easily move forward and go back to their normal life.

This bill, therefore, seeks to assign a permanent Disaster Risk Officer in each local government unit to complement RA 10121. Under this measure, every local government unit's organizational structure will be more dynamic, efficient and each will have an operating mechanism that will meet the needs and service requirements of every community.

In this regard, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
**RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** A new article after Article XX, Title V – Book III of Republic Act  
2 7160 is hereby inserted to read as follows:

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4           **ARTICLE XXI – DISASTER RISK OFFICER.**

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6           **SECTION 491: QUALIFICATIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND**  
7 **POWERS:**

8           **AN APPOINTED PERSON MUST BE A FILIPINO CITIZEN, A**  
9 **RESIDENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT CONCERNED AND**  
10 **HAS GOOD MORAL CHARCATER.**

11           **(1) EDUCATION: MUST BE A GRADUATE OF BACHELOR**  
12 **DEGREE ON SOCIAL SCIENCE, HUMANITIES, PUBLIC**  
13 **ADMINISTRATION, AGRICULTURE OR OTHER RELATED**  
14 **FIELDS, AND ELIGIBLE ON CIVIL SERVICE.**

15           **(2) SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE**



1 (A) KNOWLEDGE IN DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT  
2 (DISASTER RESPONSE AND IMPROVEMENT,  
3 REHABILITATION AND RISK REDUCTION AGENDA),

4 (B) ABILITY TO DEVELOP PROJECT PROPOSAL, WORK  
5 PLAN, MONITOR AND EVALUATE THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES,

6 (C) GOOD ANALYTICAL SKILLS AND THE ABILITY TO  
7 ASSESS INFORMATION ON HUMANITARIAN ISSUES,

8 (D)GOOD ORGANIZATIONAL AND FACILITATION SKILLS,  
9 ABILITY TO WORK WITH DIVERSE TEAMS OFTEN IN  
10 DIFFICULT SITUATIONS

11 (E) KNOWLEDGEABLE ON PARTICIPATORY PLANNING,  
12 MONITORING, IMPLEMENTATION, EVALUATION AND  
13 BUDGETING,

14 (G) GOOD COMMUNICATION, FACILITATION AND  
15 NEGOTIATION SKILLS.

16 **3. EXPERIENCE (AT LEAST THREE YEARS)**

17 (A) WORKING IN EMERGENCY REHABILITATION,  
18 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

19 (B) WORKING WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS, COMMUNITY  
20 COUNCILS, DISTRICT AND PROVINCIAL COMMITTEES OR  
21 DISASTER MANAGEMENT

22 (C) EXPERIENCE IN DEVELOPING AND DELIVERING  
23 PROJECT OUTLINES AND REPORTS FROM BEGINNING TO  
24 COMPLETION OF PROJECT.

25 **4. RESPONSIBILITIES (PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
26 10121)**

27 (A) ADOPT A DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND  
28 MANAGEMENT APPROACH THAT IS HOLISTIC,  
29 COMPREHENSIVE, INTEGRATED, AND PROACTIVE IN  
30 LESSENING THE SOCIOECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
31 IMPACTS OF DISASTERS INCLUDING CLIMATE CHANGE,  
32 AND PROMOTE THE INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION

1 OF ALL SECTORS AND ALL STAKEHOLDERS CONCERNED, AT  
2 ALL LEVELS, ESPECIALLY THE LOCAL COMMUNITY;

3 (B) INSTITUTIONALIZE THE POLICIES, STRUCTURES,  
4 COORDINATION MECHANISMS AND PROGRAMS WITH  
5 CONTINUING BUDGET APPROPRIATION ON DISASTER  
6 RISK REDUCTION FROM NATIONAL DOWN TO LOCAL  
7 LEVELS TOWARDS BUILDING A DISASTER-RESILIENT  
8 NATION AND COMMUNITIES;

9 (C) RECOGNIZE THE LOCAL RISK PATTERNS ACROSS THE  
10 COUNTRY AND STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY OF LGUs FOR  
11 DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT THROUGH  
12 DECENTRALIZED POWERS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND  
13 RESOURCES AT THE REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS;

14 (D) RECOGNIZE AND STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITIES OF  
15 LGUs AND COMMUNITIES IN MITIGATING AND  
16 PREPARING FOR, RESPONDING TO, AND RECOVERING  
17 FROM THE IMPACT OF DISASTERS;

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19 **SECTION 2.** Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter  
20 of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent  
21 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.  
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23 **SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
24 the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.  
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26 Approved,