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ESTABLISHING AN ACCELERATED PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF POTABLE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS IN EVERY BARANGAY
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING
RURAL HEALTH

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides:

“The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.”

Water is essential to health. It is the substance that is involved in important body functions such as: flushing out waste from the body, regulating body temperature, and regulating brain function.

Consumption of contaminated water can cause waterborne illnesses such as, but not limited to, the following: Diarrhea, Nausea, Dehydration, Intestinal or Stomach Cramping, Intestinal or Stomach Aches and Pains, Gastrointestinal Problems, and Death.

According to the 2014 Annual Poverty Indication Survey (APIS) of the Philippine Statistics Authority, 85.5 percent of the 22.7 million families in the Philippines have access to safe water supply or water coming from community water systems while the remaining 14.5 percent consume water from unprotected

sources such as wells, springs, rivers, ponds, lakes, rain water, and tanker trucks.

This bill seeks to establish a potable water supply system in every barangay throughout the country for the purpose of promoting and protecting the right of the public to basic health services by ensuring the supply of safe drinking water for public consumption.

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



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

1 Section 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the
2 State to promote the quality of health of every Filipino through the provision of
3 adequate social service including, but not limited to, the provision of an adequate
4 potable water supply system to minimize the exposure of water borne diseases.

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6 Sec. 2. *Legal Agency.* – The Department of Social Welfare and
7 Development (DSWD), in cooperation with the Department of Health (DOH) and
8 the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall undertake a three-
9 year program for the construction of potable water supply systems in every
10 barangay throughout the country. The program shall give priority to areas with
11 social and health problems brought about by water-borne diseases taking into
12 consideration population, area served, project cost and other economic, social
13 and environmental factors as may be deemed necessary in undertaking the
14 program within the context of the national development plans. The lead agencies
15 concerned, in consultation with the provincial and municipal development
16 councils, shall determine the areas which shall be given priority.

1 *Sec. 3. Program Guidelines.* – The lead agencies concerned shall observe
2 the following priorities and guidelines in the planning, construction and
3 management of the potable water supply project:

- 4 (a) Funds provided for in this Act shall be used only for the
5 construction of the new potable water supply system;
- 6 (b) Priority shall be given to the construction of communal
7 water supply;
- 8 (c) The potable water supply projects must be equitably
9 distributed among the provinces and municipalities, giving
10 priority to those provinces and municipalities having
11 inadequate supply of potable water.
- 12 (d) The local government unit concerned shall participate in the
13 project in the planning, identification, design, management
14 of all project funds, construction, and monitoring;
- 15 (e) The potable water supply system shall be managed and
16 maintained by the local government unit concerned; and
- 17 (f) The provincial officers of the Department of Social Welfare
18 and Development (DSWD), Department of Health (DOH),
19 and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH),
20 shall be responsible in the preparation of feasibility studies
21 and design of communal water supply project.

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23 *Sec. 4. Appropriations.* – The sum of Fifty Million Pesos (P50,000,000.00)
24 is hereby appropriated for the initial implementation of the provision of this Act.
25 Thereafter, the succeeding appropriation for its continued implementation shall
26 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act until the program shall have
27 been completed.

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1 Sec. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held
2 unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not
3 affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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5 Sec. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, issuances,
6 orders, rules and regulations, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
7 hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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9 Sec. 7. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
10 after its publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general
11 circulation.

Approved,