

FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC)
OF THE PHILIPPINES)
First Regular Session)

SENATE
S. No. 1847

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article II, Section 15, provides:

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

Article 2, Section 24, provides:

The State recognizes the vital role of communication and information in nation-building.

The reduction of response time for the delivery of emergency care will, in turn, prevent fatalities, substantially reduce the severity and extent of injuries, reduce time lost from work, and save thousands of lives and millions of pesos in health care costs.

This bill seeks to promote and enhance public safety through the use of universal emergency assistance number.*


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* This bill was re-filed during the Thirteenth Congress, First Regular Session.

1 SECTION 5. *Consultation.* – In carrying out the provisions of the preceding Section,
2 each province shall consult local officials responsible for emergency services and public safety,
3 the telecommunications industry, the motor vehicle manufacturing industry, emergency medical
4 providers, public safety, fire service and law enforcement officials, consumer groups, and
5 hospital emergency and trauma care personnel, including emergency physicians, trauma
6 surgeons, and nurses.

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

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12 with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

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

15 Approved,