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Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The increased economic activity in the country has set aside safety standards and prevention measures that will prevent, mitigate, lessen industrial and residential accidents caused by fire.

Republic Act No. 6975 mandates the Bureau of Fire Protection to ensure public safety through the prevention and suppression of all kinds of destructive fires, the enforcement of the fire code, and the investigation of all causes of fires, and if necessary, the filing of the proper complaints with the appropriate agencies. For operational and logistical efficiency, the Bureau of Fire Protection needs to effect a modernization program that will safeguard the populace from the hazards of destructive fires.

This measure calls for the establishment of fire stations and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in all local government units. Through this legislation, fire trucks and similar equipments shall be punctual to effectively respond to fire alarms in both the financial districts and residential areas by making the capacity to navigate small roads and thoroughfares in densely populated urban centers. In addition, trauma units in public hospitals must be upgraded; and fire personnel as well as fire volunteers will be trained using state-of-the-art equipments for fire prevention and suppression.

Passage of the measure is earnestly requested.

  
**ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV**  
Senator



1 C. Establishment of specialized fire protection and related services within the BFP to  
2 respond to situations such as but not limited to: high-rise building fires, forest fires,  
3 aircraft/airport fires, ship fires, chemical fires, disaster rescue, emergency, and medical  
4 operations; and

5 D. Establishment of training facilities, including the hiring of internationally  
6 accredited training consultants and advisers, in the absence of local experts, in order to accelerate  
7 the human resources development program.

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9 **SEC. 4. *Special Provident Fund*.** - A special Provident Fund shall be created  
10 under the BFP solely for the retirement, disability, and death benefits of the members and  
11 scholarship programs for their dependents.

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13 **SEC. 5. *Budget*.** - The amount of Eight Billion Pesos (P 8,000,000,000.00) for the  
14 Fire Protection Modernization Program is hereby appropriated from the following sources:

- 15 (a) P3.5 Billion - from the thirty-two and five tenths percent (32.5%) share of the  
16 Armed Forces of the Philippines pursuant to Sec. 8 (1) of Republic Act No. 7227;  
17 (b) P2.5 Billion - from the income of Philippine Lottery;  
18 (c) P1.0 Billion - from the income of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming  
19 Corporation (PAGCOR); and  
20 (d) P1.0 Billion - to be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year  
21 immediately preceding the effectivity of this Act.

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23 **SEC. 6. *Multi-Year Contracts or Other Contractual Arrangement*.** - For the  
24 proper implementation of this Act, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)  
25 may, subject to the approval of the President, the provisions of existing laws and regulations  
26 including those of the Commission on Audit, and under such terms and conditions favorable to

1 the Government, enter into multi-year contracts, lease/lease-purchase agreements or other  
2 contractual arrangements with local or foreign suppliers/contractors.

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4 **SEC. 7. *Special Foreign Exchange Reduction Scheme.*** - In order to reduce  
5 foreign exchange outflow, generate local employment opportunities, and enhance technology  
6 transfer to the Philippines, the DILG shall, as far as practicable, incorporate in each  
7 contract/agreement special foreign exchange reduction schemes such as barter, counter trade, in-  
8 country manufacture, co-production, build-operate transfer (BOT), or other innovative  
9 arrangements or combinations thereof.

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11 **SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations .*** -Within thirty (30) days from the  
12 approval of this Act, the DILG shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to  
13 implement the provisions of this Act: *Provided,* That such implementing rules and regulations  
14 shall ensure that the fire protection vehicles/crafts of various types, communication equipment  
15 and facilities, and other support equipment will be equitably distributed to the different fire units.

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17 **SEC. 9. *Annual Reports .*** -The Chief Fire Marshal shall submit to the President  
18 and Congress, through the Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Governments, an  
19 annual report on the implementation of the Fire Protection Modernization Program as provided  
20 for under this Act.

21 The Secretary of Interior and Local Government shall submit to the President and  
22 Congress an annual report on the status of the Fire Protection Modernization Program Trust Fund  
23 as provided in Section 4 hereof.

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1           **SEC. 10.    *Repealing Clause* .** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and  
2   issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified  
3   accordingly.

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5           **SEC. 11.    *Separability Clause* .** - If any part or provision of this Act is held  
6   unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall  
7   continue to be in full force and effect.

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9           **SEC. 12.    *Effectivity* .** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its  
10   complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,