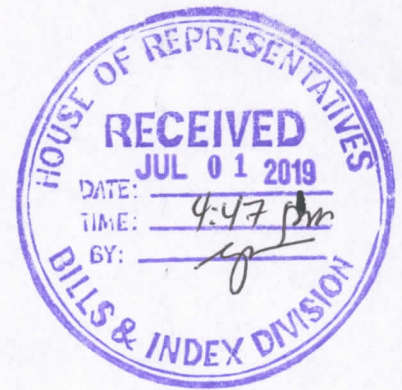


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EXPLANATORY NOTE


This bill seeks to provide the mechanism for the construction of at least one water impounding facility in every barangay. The proposed measures mandates to come up with various engineering designs of water impounding facilities that may be suitable to different areas in the country.

Water can be considered the most valuable commodity known to man. Without it, human survival may not be possible. However, water is a finite resource and needs to be conserved. As it is, water shortages are being experienced especially in highly populated urban areas.

One viable source of water is rain. There only need to be a facility to catch and store rain water so that it can be utilized by people in times of water shortage. It is submitted that water impounding facilities are necessary infrastructures worthy of spending public funds on.

Aside from food shortage, water shortage is a threat to national security. We must not allow our country to fall into such a situation.

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


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AN ACT
MANDATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER IMPOUNDING FACILITIES
IN EVERY BARANGAY IN THE PHILIPPINES

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

SECTION 1. Title. – This Act shall be known as the “*Water Impounding Facilities Act*”.

Sec. 2. *Construction of Water Impounding Facilities.* – There shall be constructed at least one water impounding facility in such available public space in every barangay. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall come up with the necessary engineering designs suitable for different areas in the country.

Sec.3. *Cleanliness and Potability of Water.* – the Department of Health (DOH) shall conduct periodic inspections and take water samples from the water impounding facility to ensure that the stored water is safe for use and consumption by the residents. The DOH shall immediately advise the concerned barangay if negative results are found in their samples so as to protect the community from illnesses and diseases caused by unsafe water.

Sec. 4. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the construction and maintenance of water impounding facilities in barangays shall form part of the annual appropriations of the DPWH.

Sec. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DPWH in coordination with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall, within ninety (90) days, promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Sec. 6. *Penalty.* – Non-compliance with this Act shall cause the barangay unit to be fined One Hundred Thousand pesos (P100,000.00) and shall give rise to a cause of action for administrative sanctions to the barangay officials concerned.

Sec. 7. Separability Clause. – If any of the provisions of this Act is declared invalid, the provisions thereof not affected by such declaration shall remain in force and effect.

Sec. 8. Repealing Clause. – All other laws, issuances, orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Sec. 9. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,