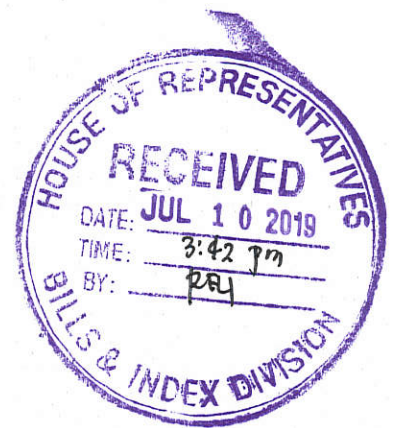


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Clean and potable water is a necessity in order to sustain life. The Department of Health is gearing towards its target of providing the needed proper sanitation facilities. However, due to the present population increase and the increase in the demand of clean water supply, there are still a substantial number of our fellow countrymen who lacks access to clean water.

The purpose of this bill is to establish a program for the construction of clean drinking water supply system in every barangay specially on those places where poverty and health problems are critical.

Hence, this proposal is submitted for consideration.

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

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

**SECTION 2. Legal Agency.** – The Department of Social Welfare and Development in cooperation with the Department of Health and Department of Public Works and Highways shall undertake a three-year program for the construction of potable water supply system in every barangay throughout the country. The program shall give priority to areas with social and health problems brought about by water-borne diseases taking into consideration population, area served, project cost and other economic, social and environmental factors as may be deemed necessary in undertaking the program within the context of the national development plans. The lead agencies concerned, in consultation with the provincial and municipal development councils, shall determine the areas that shall be given priority.

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

- a) Funds provided for in this act shall be used only for the construction of the new potable water supply system;
- b) Priority shall be given to the construction of communal water supply;
- c) The potable water supply projects must be equitably distributed among the provinces and municipalities, giving priority to those provinces and municipalities having inadequate supply of potable water;
- d) The local government unit concerned shall participate in the project in the project planning, identification, design, management of all project funds, construction and monitoring;
- e) The potable water supply system shall be managed and maintained by the local government unit concerned;
- f) The provincial officers of the Department of Social Welfare and Development,

Department of Health, and Department of Public Works and Highways, shall be responsible in the preparation of feasibility studies and design of communal water supply project.



SECTION 4. **Appropriation.** - The sum of Fifty Million Pesos (Php 50,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the initial implementation of the provision of this Act. Thereafter, the succeeding appropriation for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act until the program shall have been completed.

SECTION 5. **Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

SECTION 6. **Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, executive orders and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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