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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 32

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**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND  
HIGHWAYS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN  
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE COMPLIANCE TO THE  
GUIDELINES AND IMPLEMENTING RULES ON EARTHQUAKE RECORDING  
INSTRUMENTATION FOR BUILDINGS AS PROVIDED FOR BY PRESIDENTIAL  
DECREE 1096, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF  
THE PHILIPPINES**

*WHEREAS*, Section 102 of Presidential Decree 1096, otherwise known as the National Building Code of the Philippines, stated that it is the policy of the State to safeguard life, health, property and public welfare, consistent with the principles of sound environmental management and control; and to this end, make it the purpose of this Code to provide for all buildings and structures a framework of minimum standards and requirements to regulate and control their location, site, design, quality of materials, construction, use, occupancy, and maintenance;

*WHEREAS*, in conformance with the said Section 2 and as provided for in the National Structural Code of the Philippines 2010, the Guidelines and Implementing Rules on Earthquake Recording Instrumentation for Buildings was issued on January 2015 by then DPWH Secretary Rogelio L. Singson;

*WHEREAS*, the said guidelines and implementing rules were developed to primarily safeguard lives, for clear understanding of the actual dynamic behavior of buildings and structures wherein earthquake recording instruments will record data which shall be used to confirm the structural design parameters used or to be adopted, to set-off alarms at specified intensity level triggering real-time alarm information which may also initiate automatic switch off for utilities, and record data which are considerable parameters for the buildings and structures' safety re-evaluation, resumption of occupancy, including post-earthquake evaluation;

*WHEREAS*, non-compliance to the aforesaid guidelines and implementing rules should result to revocation or non-issuance of Certificate of Occupancy by the Building Officials of local government units;

*WHEREAS*, the country has recently experienced frequent earthquakes given that it is located along the so-called Pacific Ring of Fire, thereby conformity to the implementing rules and guidelines on earthquake instrumentation recording should be strictly imposed and complied with;

*WHEREAS*, there hasn't been any documentation, information or validated data that such guidelines of the DPWH is being firmly enforced nationwide, thereby the possibility of putting the lives of our countrymen at danger is high;

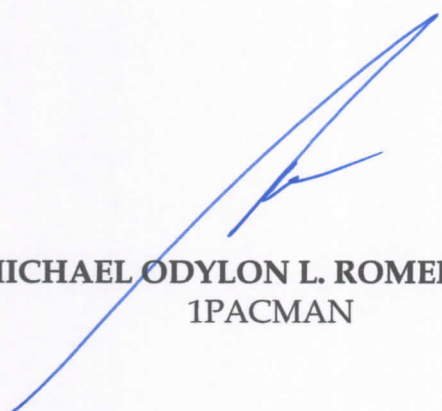
*WHEREAS*, there is a need to look into the implementation of the Implementing Rules on Earthquake Recording Instrumentation for Buildings, ensure its enforcement and compliance for both government and private buildings;

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED*, by the House of Representatives that the Committee on Public Works and Highways and other appropriate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the compliance to the Guidelines and Implementing Rules on Earthquake Recording Instrumentation for Buildings as provided for by Presidential Decree 1096, otherwise known as the National Building Code of the Philippines.

Adopted,



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