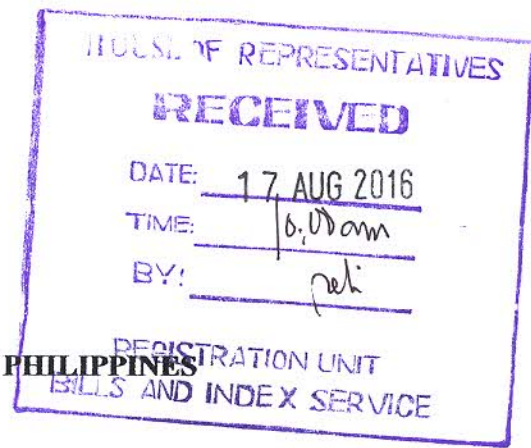




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish the Housing and Emergency Shelter Act of 2016. The purpose of this legislation is to void the hiatus and displacement of people living in calamity and disaster prone areas.

This humble legislation aims to set up disaster preparedness consciousness by institutionalizing supportive housing projects, emergency shelters or transitional housing to those at risk of homelessness.

The creation of the Housing and Emergency Shelter Commission and institutionalization of Housing and Emergency Preparedness Program merciless forces of nature will be faced up with quick, organized and efficient disaster preparedness program.

More so, Article II Declaration of Principles and State Policies Section 9 states "The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, arising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all".

Hence, approval of this legislation is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE HOUSING AND EMERGENCY SHELTER ACT OF
2016 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the “*Housing and Emergency Act of 2016.*”

Chapter I. Title, Policy and Purpose

SECTION 2. *Purpose.* – The general purpose of this Act is to create the Housing and Emergency Shelter Act of 2016 and to define its powers, duties and responsibilities.

Chapter II. General Provisions

SECTION 3. *Definitions.* The following definition shall control in the application and construction of this Act:

1. “Committee” means the Housing and Emergency Shelter Committee created pursuant to this Act;
2. “Oversight Committee” means the Congressional Oversight Committee created pursuant to this Act;
3. “Fund” means the Housing and Emergency Shelter Fund created pursuant to this Act.

SECTION 4. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and improved quality of life for all.

Chapter III – The Housing and Emergency Shelter Commission

SECTION 5. The Housing and Emergency Shelter Commission. – There is hereby created a Housing and Emergency Shelter Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission which shall be the lead institution.

SECTION 6. *Housing and Emergency Shelter Preparedness Program.* -. There shall be established, under the Commission, a Housing and Emergency Shelter Preparedness Program, that shall promulgate provisions for the purpose of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the program and for the furtherance of its goals.

SECTION 7. *Composition.* The Commission is composed of the Secretary of Housing, as Ex Officio Chairman, The Secretary of DSWD as Ex Officio Vice Chairman, Ex Officio members from the Office of Citizens Disaster, DOH, DBM and representatives from other related agencies. The Commission shall immediately convene and initiate formulation of the implementing rules and regulations in coordination with other concerned government agencies and instrumentalities.

SECTION 8. *Duties and Responsibilities.* The duties and responsibilities of the Commission within a period of six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the Commission, in coordination with Congressional Oversight Committee shall review all existing laws, rules and regulations, policies and issuances in existence with the end view of making them more responsive to the objectives and goals of this Act and perform such other functions as may be necessary for the effective implementation of the Program.

SECTION 9. *Oversight Committee.* There is hereby created a Congressional Oversight Committee to monitor and oversee the implementation of the provisions of this Act. The Committee shall be composed of six (6) members with the Chairmen of the Committees on Housing of the Senate and the House of the Representatives and six (6) additional members from each House, to be designated by the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of the Representatives, respectively. The minority shall be entitled to pro rata representation but shall have at least two (2) representatives in the Committee.

SECTION 10. *Annual Report.* The Commission shall submit an annual report to the President of the Philippines and the Congress on the implementation of the Program which shall include the number of housing and shelter and the beneficiaries thereof.

SECTION 11. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Housing and the Secretary of DSWD shall immediately include in its program and issue such rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 12. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Housing, the DSWD shall formulate and adopt the Implementing Rules and Regulations, in consultation with the concerned national government agencies, the leagues of provinces, cities and municipalities.

SECTION 13. *Separability Clause.* If for any reason, any part, section or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, no other part, section or provision shall be affected thereby.

SECTION 14. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, issuances or any parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 15. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect immediately after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,