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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) is the lead government agency tasked to manage natural disasters occurring in Metropolitan Manila. When natural calamities take place, MMDA should have the free hand, unhampered authority to exercise its mandate. In this lifetime, God forbid, scientific studies predict that the West Valley Fault affecting the entire Metro Manila, is ripe for a major movement causing what is popularly known as The Big One. As a foresight, we anticipate the aftermath and the whole of the metropolis would do well to do all the necessary preparations. One aspect of preparedness, which is in line with MMDA's *Operation Yakal*, lies in the pragmatic and actual chores of saving lives after a big tremor. And to enable MMDA to discharge its duty of saving the lives of many, all MMDA operatives have to be authorized to commandeer any or all public or private vehicles and/or heavy equipment machines in order to effectively carry out rescue and search operations real time.

Hence, only in the event of such emergency should MMDA operatives be given this *carte blanche* for purposes of saving lives.

The immediate passage of this measure is sought for.



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OPERATIVES TO COMMANDEER ANY OR ALL PUBLIC OR PRIVATE VEHICLES
AND/OR HEAVY EQUIPMENT MACHINES FOR PURPOSES OF SAVING LIVES DURING
THE OCCURRENCE OF EARTHQUAKES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “MMDA Emergency Carte Blanche During Earthquake Cases Act of 2016.”

SEC. 2. All MMDA operatives are hereby authorized to commandeer any or all public or private vehicles and/or heavy equipment machines for purposes of saving lives during the occurrence of earthquakes.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,