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Introduced by Representative Harlin Neil J. Abayon III

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill requires local government units with more than 500,000 inhabitants to make use of up-to-date technologies in the preparation of their Disaster Preparedness Plan. This measure was previously filed by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago in the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress. Passage of this bill is earnestly sought now in the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress.

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## AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLANS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

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

SECTION 1. Coverage. As used in this Act, the term local government unit (LGU) shall cover only those which have at least Five Hundred Thousand (500,000) inhabitants, as certified by the National Statistics Office (NSO).

SECTION 2. Disaster Preparedness Plan. In the preparation of the LGU's Disaster Preparedness Plan, up-to-date industry standard or the best technology available, including computer models to develop evacuation time estimates, shall be used to complete such plan.

SECTION 3. Revision. In the event that a LGU has already developed a Disaster Preparedness Plan, such plan shall be revised to come into compliance with Section 2 of this Act.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended and modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,