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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO REVIEW, IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION, THE PROVISION OF QUICK RESPONSE FUNDS TO AREAS  
AFFLICTED WITH NATURAL AND HUMAN INDUCED CALAMITIES**

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 5 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, Section 22(a) of Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010", provides the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (NDRRMC) Fund shall be used for disaster risk reduction or mitigation, prevention and preparedness activities but not limited to training of personnel, procurement of equipment, and capital expenditures to be utilized for relief, recovery, reconstruction and other work or services in connection with natural or human induced calamities which may occur during the budget year or those that occurred in the past two (2) years from the budget year<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the Quick Response Fund (QRF) serves as a stand-by fund of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of National Defense (DND), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), and the National Electrification Administration (NEA) to be used for relief and rehabilitation programs and projects, including pre-positioning of goods, emergency response units, and other allied support items and equipment in order that the situation and living conditions of people in communities or areas stricken by calamities, epidemics, crises, and catastrophes, which occurred in the current year or the last two (2) preceding years may be normalized as quickly as possible<sup>3</sup>;

<sup>1</sup>Official Gazette: <http://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/constitutions/1987-constitution/>

<sup>2</sup>The LawPhil Project online website: [http://www.lawphil.net/statutes/repacts/ra2010/ra\\_10121\\_2010.html](http://www.lawphil.net/statutes/repacts/ra2010/ra_10121_2010.html)

<sup>3</sup>Department of Budget and Management Official Website: <http://www.dbm.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/GAA/GAA2017/VolumeI/NDRRMF.pdf>

**WHEREAS**, natural and human induced calamities have been frequent in the Philippines and have displaced many Filipinos, particularly in the provinces;

**WHEREAS**, a magnitude 6.5 earthquake struck Ormoc City in the province of Leyte on 6 July 2017 which led to the loss of water and power supply<sup>4</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, an armed conflict between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the terrorist group the Maute erupted on 23 May 2017 which has displaced thousands of Filipinos in the city of Marawi in the province of Lanao del Sur<sup>5</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the reported recent occurrence of natural and human induced calamities calls for the improvement of the provision of Quick Response Funds to swiftly respond to such calamities and efficiently rebuild damaged communities;

**BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to direct the proper Senate Committees to review, in aid of legislation, the provision of Quick Response Funds to areas afflicted with natural and human induced calamities.

Adopted,

  
**MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY**

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<sup>4</sup>Philippine Daily Inquirer Online: <http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/911791/panic-damage-after-deadly-leyte-earthquake>

<sup>5</sup>CNN Philippines Online: <http://cnnphilippines.com/news/2017/07/16/afp-no-military-clearance-for-evacuees-to-return-to-marawi.html>