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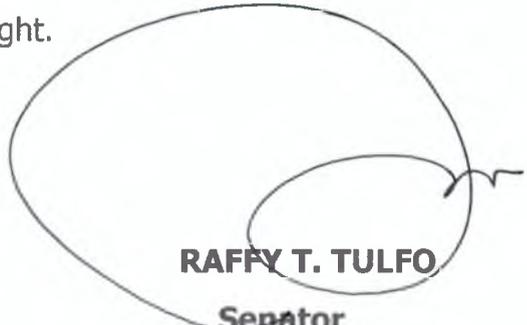
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**AN ACT**  
**MANDATING IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY SERVICE REQUESTS**  
**RELATED TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Critical infrastructure is a vital component of society and the economy. It refers to facilities, networks, and systems that support key services such as power generation and distribution, water supply, transportation, communications, healthcare, and financial services. Critical infrastructure is vulnerable to various threats, including natural disasters, accidents, cyberattacks, and intentional acts of violence. Disruptions to critical infrastructure can have significant consequences, such as power outages, water shortages, communication failures, and transportation disruptions, which can negatively impact public safety, national security, and the overall well-being of the population.

Therefore, it is important to ensure the stability, resilience, and security of critical infrastructure to prevent and respond to potential disruptions. The purpose of this bill is to ensure that critical infrastructure services in the Philippines are able to respond promptly and effectively to emergencies, thereby enhancing public safety, protecting national security, and promoting economic stability.

The passage of this measure is thus earnestly sought.

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

1           Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "Critical Infrastructure  
2 Emergency Response Act".

3           Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State recognizes the importance of ensuring  
4 the stability and reliability of critical infrastructure to support economic growth and  
5 improve the quality of life of the people. To achieve this, the State shall mandate  
6 immediate response to emergency service requests related to critical infrastructure.

7           Sec. 3. *Immediate Response Requirement.* – All providers of critical  
8 infrastructure services are hereby required to respond immediately to emergency  
9 service requests related to their respective services. The response time for such  
10 requests shall not exceed two (2) hours from the time the request was made.

11           Sec. 4. *Definition of Emergency Service Request.* – For purposes of this Act, an  
12 "emergency service request" shall refer to a request for critical infrastructure services  
13 that pose a danger to life, limb, or property, or those that require immediate attention  
14 to prevent further damage.

1            *Sec. 5. Definition of Critical Infrastructure. –*

2            Critical infrastructure refers to the physical and cyber systems and assets that  
3            are essential to the functioning of a society and economy. It includes facilities,  
4            networks, and systems that support key services such as power generation and  
5            distribution, water supply, transportation, communications, healthcare, and financial  
6            services. These systems are considered critical because they are essential to public  
7            safety, national security, and the overall well-being of the population. They are  
8            interdependent and vulnerable to various threats, such as natural disasters, accidents,  
9            cyberattacks, and intentional acts of violence. As such, it is important to ensure the  
10           stability, resilience, and security of critical infrastructure to prevent and respond to  
11           potential disruptions.

12           *Sec. 6. Penalty for Non-Compliance. –* Any provider of critical infrastructure  
13           services that fails to comply with the immediate response requirement under this Act  
14           shall be penalized with a fine of not less than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php  
15           100,000.00) but not more than One Million Pesos (Php 1,000,000.00) for each  
16           violation.

17           *Sec. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. –* The appropriate government  
18           agency shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement this  
19           Act.

20           *Sec. 8. Repealing Clause. –* All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and  
21           regulations, or any part thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or  
22           modified accordingly.

23           *Sec. 9. Effectivity. –* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
24           publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general  
25           circulation.

*Approved,*