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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The *Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010* states that it shall be the policy of the State to provide maximum care, assistance, and services to individuals and families affected by disasters, towards resumption of normal social and economic activities.

To promote accountability, transparency, efficiency, and responsiveness in the management of government resources, there is a need to streamline systems and procedures in the management and utilization of local and foreign cash donations or humanitarian aid.

This bill intends to put in place measures that are geared towards efficient and transparent systems of processing, managing, utilizing, monitoring, and reporting on cash donations.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is 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. *Declaration of Policy.* – There shall be an institutionalized a system
2 of fund administration of cash donations or humanitarian aid coming from local and
3 foreign donors and sponsors to help affected victims or communities during disasters,
4 calamities, crises, and emergencies.

5 Sec. 2. *Rationale.* – A system of effective fund administration contemplates the
6 following mechanics to smoothly and methodologically let relief agencies or
7 humanitarian organizations efficiently account for funds, cash donations, or aid
8 intended for legitimate affected victims or communities, as follows:

- 9 1. Regional offices of the Department of Social Welfare and Development
10 (DSWD) are tasked as Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) in accrediting
11 banks or similar establishments to receive cash donations or humanitarian
12 aid.
- 13 2. Cash funds withdrawn by authorized DSWD representatives will be used to
14 purchase relief food, supplies, goods, and medicines from the local market

1 or business establishments based on specific needs of the affected
2 population.

3 3. Relief agencies, humanitarian organizations, and volunteer groups must be
4 accredited with or duly recognized by the Regional Offices of DSWD or their
5 local counterparts as far as practicable.

6 4. The movement of food, supplies, and goods to the affected, traumatized,
7 and displaced victims or communities shall be in a manner that will reach
8 them as quickly as possible.

9 5. Collected goods other than cash donations may be auctioned and the
10 proceeds of which shall go to the recognized relief agency or humanitarian
11 organization in the local area where the disaster, calamity, crisis, or
12 emergency occurred for proper custodianship for relief efforts.

13 6. Authorized DSWD representative or similar custodians of relief goods shall
14 be required to submit 'After-the-Crisis-Report' as basis for accounting for
15 the cash donation, humanitarian aid, or collected goods from various
16 donors or sponsors.

17 *Sec. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within ninety (90) days from the
18 effectivity of this Act, the Department of Social Welfare and Development shall
19 promulgate implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

20 *Sec. 5. Repealing Clause.* - All laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, other
21 issuances
22 or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified
23 accordingly.

24 *Sec. 6. Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
25 in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,