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HOUSE BILL NO. 3862



Introduced by **HON. GUSTAVO S. TAMBUNTING**

AN ACT
TO REQUIRE ALL GOVERNMENT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TO HAVE RAIN
HARVESTING FACILITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Water is one of the basic elements for survival. We use it for various purposes such as drinking, cleaning, taking a bath, washing clothes, and a lot of other things. It is a very valuable resource that we have taken for granted over the years.

The advent of climate change has certainly affected the weather patterns not only in the Philippines but around the world. Polar ice caps are melting, heat indices have significantly increased and countries experience extreme weather conditions – from torrential rains that cause massive flooding, to dry spells that go on for months on end.

With our continuously growing population, our need for water will also increase. And with this in mind, the undersigned proposes this bill to help conserve water and to equip our buildings with facilities that will enable us to cope with the changing times. Especially in the mid-rise housing and relocation projects of the National Housing Authority, having rain harvesting facilities will greatly help lessen the problem of water sources at the same time help in conserving the environment.

It is for these reasons that the passage of this bill is being sought by the undersigned.

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Rain Harvesting Facility for Government Building Act of 2022”.

SECTION 2. *Policy Statement.* – It is the policy of the State to provide an adequate supply of clean and unpolluted water for domestic purposes and for sanitation to reduce health risks. Pursuant thereto the State shall take necessary measures to capture rainwater and stave off a water crisis.

SECTION 3. *Rain-water harvesting facilities in all government and government-constructed buildings.* – It is hereby prescribed that all new government buildings shall incorporate in their design a rain-water harvesting facility and facility for storage. It is also prescribed that such rain-water harvesting and storage facilities shall be constructed in all old government buildings.

SECTION 4. *Approval of designs of public buildings.* – The Department of Public Works and Highways shall not approve designs of public buildings that do not contain rain-harvesting and storage facilities. The Department shall also ensure that these are included in the actual construction of buildings.

SECTION 5. *Issuance of building permit.* – Local Government Units shall not issue building permits to government building construction projects that do not incorporate rain-water harvesting and storage facilities.

SECTION 6. *Penalties.* – Approval of building designs without incorporating the design for rain-water harvesting and storage facilities shall incur a penalty of a fine of Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php200,000.00) or imprisonment of 6 months or both as the Court so decides. Likewise,

the non-construction of rain-harvesting and storage facilities that are incorporated in the design of the building shall incur the same penalty as the above.

The issuance of a building permit for the construction of government buildings without the incorporation of rain-harvesting and storage facilities shall incur the penalty, to the signatory of the permit, of Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php200,000.00) or imprisonment of 6 months or both as the Court so decides.

SECTION 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DPWH in consultation with Local Government Units shall issue within 90 days from the date of approval of this Act, the implementing rules and regulations for this Act.

SECTION 8. *Separability Clause.* – Any portion or provision of this Act that may be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof.

SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect immediately after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,