

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 1195



Introduced by Representative Hector S. Sanchez

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people, promote world class tourism program of the government and instill health consciousness among hygiene of our constituents.

Potable water is one of the major components in promoting health among us. According to UN World Water Report, about 4 billion people experience severe water scarcity and stress levels will continue to increase as demand for water grows. Improved water resources management and access to water supply and sanitation is essential to addressing various social and economic inequities.

In the Municipality of Virac alone, 27 barangays are operating on a water rationing scheme while the remaining 36 barangays are left with no water supply, no potable water and sanitation services. All other municipalities of the Province of Catanduanes are suffering much worse conditions. This perennial problem for decades was brought about by lack of water impounding and filtration facilities.

Providing a sustainable water resources by establishment of a water dam in every municipality in the Province of Catanduanes will ensure safe drinking water and sanitation, recognized as basic human rights, will not only promote health consciousness, but as well as, it will revitalize the local tourism industry, thus, enhancing the living standard of the people and its economy.

Approval of this Bill is urgently sought.

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AN ACT
MANDATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER DAM IN EVERY
MUNICIPALITY IN THE PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. – The construction of water dam in every municipality in
the Province of Catanduanes.

SEC. 2. – For the purpose of compliance of this Act, the Department of
Public Works and Highways shall formulate program of works, and
issue necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation
of this Act, including the support facilities.

SEC. 3. – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act
shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year
following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 4. – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved