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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Per DILG 2011 report, local jails are congested by an average of 400 percent.

The Manila City Jail, to cite an example, was built only for 1,000 inmates but had 5,300 in that year. Muntinlupa was about 500 percent over its normal capacity.

Such overcrowding or congestion leads to inadequate sleeping spaces, toilet facilities, medical attention and so on. Thus, there result health and welfare issues to be addressed since these inhumane conditions of our local jails are crying out for reform—not least because only the poor and powerless seem to be at the receiving end of such bureaucratic failure.

This bill is an attempt to adjust cost of daily subsistence allowance of every inmate from P50.00 to P100.00. The other component is for the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology to establish tie up with the local LGU for the establishment of secondary jails for the immediate purpose of decongesting old and existing jails or facilities.

The LGU under this proposed measure is given the initiative and motivation to actually complement the Bureau so mandated since the individuals or persons in this jail shall be considered constituents of the LGUs and as such part and parcel of the community or public that the LGUs serve.

The immediate passage of this timely measure is prayed for.

  
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**AN ACT**

**ADJUSTING COST OF SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE PER INMATE FROM P50.00 TO P100.00 A DAY AS WELL AS STRENGTHENING TIE UP BETWEEN THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY AND CONCERNED LGU FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SECONDARY JAILS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Inmate Subsistence Allowance Act."

SEC. 2. The cost of subsistence allowance per day of every inmate in a local jail is hereby adjusted from P50.00 to P100.00 and tie up between the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology and the concerned LGU shall aim at the establishment of secondary jails.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be augmented from the national budget upon the approval of this Act and every year thereafter.

Further, the concerned LGU may cause a certain percent of its Internal Revenue Allotment for the establishment of secondary jails within its territorial jurisdiction.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days after its approval and publication in at least three (3) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*