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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) is the lead government agency tasked to manage natural disasters occurring in Metropolitan Manila. When natural calamities take place, MMDA should have the free hand, unhampered authority to exercise its mandate. In this lifetime, God forbid, scientific studies predict that the West Valley Fault affecting the entire Metro Manila, is ripe for a major movement causing a great earthquake. As a foresight, we anticipate the aftermath and the whole of the metropolis would do well to do all the necessary preparations. One aspect of preparedness lies in the pragmatic and actual chores of saving lives after a big tremor. And to enable MMDA and the House Committee on Metro Manila Development within its oversight power to discharge their duties of saving the lives of many, all MMDA and MMD Committee operatives have to be authorized to commandeer any or all private vehicles and heavy equipment machines in order to effectively carry out rescue and search operations real time.

Hence, only in the event of such emergency should MMDA operatives be given this *carte blanche* for purposes of saving lives.

The immediate passage of this measure is sought for.


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AN ACT

AUTHORIZING ALL METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MMDA) AND METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OPERATIVES TO COMMANDEER ANY OR ALL PRIVATE VEHICLES AND/OR HEAVY EQUIPMENT MACHINES FOR PURPOSES OF SAVING LIVES DURING EMERGENCY CASES, SUCH AS THE OCCURRENCE OF NATURAL DISASTERS INCLUDING EARTHQUAKES, TYPHOONS, ETC.

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "MMDA and MMD Committee Emergency Carte Blanche During Emergency Cases Act."

SEC. 2. All MMDA and MMD Committee operatives are hereby authorized to commandeer any or all private vehicles and/or heavy equipment machines for purposes of saving lives during emergency cases, such as earthquakes and typhoons.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,