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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Home to scores of natural disasters such as typhoons, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and tsunamis, the Philippines would do well to have decent evacuation havens in strategic locations to provide refuge to those fleeing from such natural calamities. The situation in *Albay*, where the evacuees from communities around *Mayon* were housed either in school buildings or gymnasiums should jolt the national government to one imperative: Construct permanent evacuation centers. School buildings and gymnasiums were not built to serve the purpose and only aggravate the plight of evacuees in the long run.

Permanent evacuation facilities should alleviate the sorry condition of the victims and provide a safe haven until they resume their normal lives.

The immediate passage of this timely measure is most earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**MANDATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT EVACUATION CENTER IN EVERY**  
**NATURAL DISASTER-PRONE LOCALITY**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Permanent Evacuation Center Act."

SEC 2. There shall hereby be established in every natural disaster-prone locality an evacuation center that would accommodate individuals seeking refuge and fleeing natural calamities such as but not limited to typhoons, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis.

SEC. 3. To fully implement the provisions of this Act, the proper government agency shall issue rules, regulations, guidelines necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Act.

SEC. 4. 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,*