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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The close of 2018 saw the outbreaks of fire in different parts of Metro Manila and the inability to contain the blaze was on account of the dearth of fire trucks. Had there been fire trucks in every major public establishment responding promptly to the inferno as soon as early signs of it was detected, then the outbreaks could have been averted.

It is also undeniable that the perennial traffic in the most densely populated parts of Metro Manila prevents our valiant firemen from responding quickly when disaster strikes.

Hence, this measure proposes to provide for a fire truck to be strategically located at every major public establishment so as to achieve an efficient fire response mechanism by which fire outbreaks are effectively contained.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is most earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**

**MANDATING ALL MAJOR PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING CITY OR MUNICIPAL HALLS, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, PUBLIC MARKETS, MALLS, RECREATIONAL CENTERS AND THE LIKE, TO HAVE AT THEIR DISPOSAL A FIRE TRUCK ON SITE 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Fire Outbreak Deterrent Act."

SEC 2. The State shall uphold the general safety of the public and guarantee the freedom from the outbreaks of fire and shall institute every practical measure in order to prevent the occurrence of fire.

SEC. 3. There shall hereby be provided one (1) fire truck in all major public establishments including city or municipal halls, schools, churches, public markets, malls, recreational centers and the like to be available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

SEC. 4. To fully implement the provisions of this Act, the Department of Interior and Local Government, in consultation with the Bureau of Fire Protection, shall issue rules, regulations, guidelines necessary to operationalize the intent and purpose of this Act.

SEC. 5. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the 2020 appropriations of the DILG. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC 6. This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days upon publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*