

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8185

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 324 (d) OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

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

SECTION 1. Section 324 (d) of Republic Act No. 7160 is
hereby amended to read as follows:

"(d) Five percent (5%) of the estimated revenue from regular
sources shall be set aside as annual lump sum appropriations for
relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and other works or services
in connection with calamities which may occur during the budget
year: *Provided, however,* That such fund shall be used only in
the area, or a portion thereof, of the local government unit or
other areas affected by a disaster or calamity, as determined and
declared by the local sanggunian concerned.

"Calamity shall be defined as a state of extreme distress or
misfortune, produced by some adverse circumstance or event or
any great misfortune or cause or loss or misery caused by natural
forces.

"In case of fire or conflagration the calamity fund shall be
utilized only for relief operations.

"The local development council shall monitor the use and
disbursement of the local calamity fund."

SEC. 2. The Oversight Committee on the Local Government
Code, in coordination with concerned agencies, shall prepare and

issue the implementing rules and regulations within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 3. The provisions of existing laws, decrees, issuances, rules and regulations, or portions thereof, which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved, June 11, 1996.