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HOUSE BILL NO. 2739

Introduced by Honorable Uliran T. Joaquin

EXPLANATORY NOTE

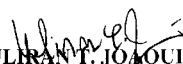
The rapid establishment and expansion of major manufacturing industries in the province of Laguna have created economic and social dislocations among the poor people of the province. Primary among these are the families whose source of livelihood are based on agricultural production in the outlying barangays of the town of Sta. Rosa. These families that have been experiencing decreasing economic opportunities, because of the incompatibility of their educational attainment and skills to the current industrial service-labor-needs. Hardest hit by this circumstances are the women and youth.

This industrial development in the northern part of the province of Laguna came with expensive commercial property development that placed further employment limitation on the populace in the area. There is now a growing service and skill gap between what is available and what is required in the province.

The development of the skills and training centers of the service-labor sector of the province have not been promoted and supported by the National and Local governments as compared to the infrastructural thrust and material development, such that, current situation necessitates the establishment of facilities that shall bridge skills gap; stop the decline in livelihood opportunities of the local families; and promote the economic welfare of the real treasure of the province, its people.

The current cost of available skills and training programs offered by private educational institutions are beyond the reach of the poor people in Laguna.

This bill therefore, seeks to provide the poor residents of Laguna opportunities to study and learn productive skills for self-sufficiency and facilitate their pursuit to develop their lives, their livelihood and their families. It is not a measure to increase the social and welfare support or benefits to a marginalized group of people, but a concrete act of the Legislature to equip the poor with relevant skills and training, to enable them to realize a prosperous and productive life.


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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WOMEN AND YOUTH SKILLS TRAINING CENTER IN THE TOWN OF STA. ROSA, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,

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

SECTION 1. ***Declaration of Policy.*** - There shall be established a skills training center in the town of Sta. Rosa, province of Laguna to provide industry relevant service and labor skills training programs.

SECTION 2. ***Allocation of Land.*** - The local government of Sta. Rosa shall allocate at least one (1) hectare of land for the establishment of the Skills Training Center in accordance with the area zoning ordinance.

SECTION 3. ***Implementing Guidelines.*** - The Director General of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority shall undertake the development of the Skills Training Center and promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to govern its effective operation and maintenance, with the women and youth sector as the priority beneficiary of its programs.

SECTION 4. ***Appropriations.*** - The amount of P20,000,000.00 Pesos is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of the funds of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter, funds sufficient to fully carry out the objectives of the Center shall be appropriated under the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority every fiscal year in the annual appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. ***Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, which are not consistent with this Act are hereby modified, amended or replaced accordingly.

SECTION 6. ***Effectivity.*** - this Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.