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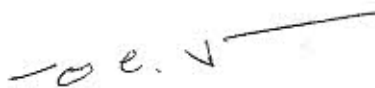
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The ricocheting trend in unemployment has long been a trademark of our economy. High unemployment breeds persistent poverty. It means that potentially productive workers are not being used, preventing the economy from producing as much as it might. A working society because employment is the farthest way to reduce the incidence of poverty, and it confers to the individual that even a most generous welfare system cannot.

Poverty constricts the availability of the most important resource we need to move forward. And that is manpower. People, we have in abundance but not the manpower. Manpower implies a high level of education and health, which is beyond the reach of the poor majority.

This bill proposes to bring education to grassroots level by creating manpower and livelihood training centers in all municipalities nationwide. In facing the challenges of this "technological era", the quality of a country's labor force and the size of its technical manpower stock are essential. Productivity growth which arises through successful technology transfer requires workers that have a level of training and a mix of skills appropriate for the needs of the industry, agriculture and service sector. Skills that cannot be amply provided by the educational system. Hence, with creation of these centers, we envision a productive and competitive manpower infrastructure that has a level of training and a mix of skills that will lead us towards sustainable economic growth and industrialization towards the achievement of development and sustainability.

It is to this end that passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CREATING MANPOWER AND LIVELIHOOD TRAINING CENTERS IN ALL
MUNICIPALITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to provide relevant training to its citizens towards vocational efficiency and other skills to raise their living standards and alleviate poverty.

SEC. 2. Municipal Manpower and Livelihood Training Center Program. – To implement the policy declared in this Act, there are hereby created Manpower and Livelihood Training Centers, in all municipalities throughout the country, which shall function under the scope and supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA): *Provided*, That any such establishment shall be based on a program prepared by TESDA in coordination with the local development councils: *Provided further*, That these Centers shall be located in the populated center of the municipality.

SEC. 3. Appropriation. – The amount needed for the implementation of this program shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. Separability Clause. – If any part of this Act is declared unconstitutional for any reason, whatsoever, such declaration shall not in any way affect the other parts or sections of this Act.

SEC. 5. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,