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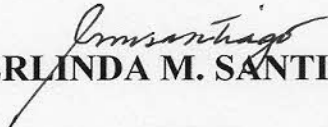
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to require private contractors to whom national, provincial, city and municipal public works projects have been awarded to employ individuals who are considered as indigents by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 6685.

With this proposed amendment, the State will be able to give priority for those considered as indigents in various areas where a governed project is being undertaken. Thus, the new law will provide indigents an opportunity to work and earn a living in a decent and honest way. Considering the increase in the number of the unemployed, there is a need for the government to require contractors awarded public works projects by the government to hire not only from those qualified unemployed bona fide and actual residents in the place where the projects are located but also to hire people who are considered indigents by the DSWD.

This bill is also in line with the priority projects of President Benigno Simeon Aquino III to eradicate poverty and reduce the present unemployment rate.

For this reason, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
REQUIRING PRIVATE CONTRACTORS DOING PUBLIC WORK
PROJECTS TO EMPLOY SKILLED AND UNSKILLED WORKERS
WHO ARE CONSIDERED INDIGENTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD), AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIXTY-SIX
HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 6685 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. *Contractor Requirement.* — All private contractors, including subcontractors, to whom awards are made for the undertaking of national and local public works projects funded by either the National Government or any local government unit including foreign-assisted projects must hire at least fifty percent (50%) of the unskilled and thirty percent (30%) of the skilled labor requirements from the unemployed bona fide and actual residents in the province, city and municipality, WHO ARE CONSIDERED AS INDIGENTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) AND who are ready, willing and able as determined by the governor, city mayor or municipal mayor concerned where the projects are to be undertaken:

Provided, That labor used or to be used for the manufacture of prefabricated construction materials and other materials premade outside the place of project implementation and skilled manpower utilized or to be utilized for the preparation of engineering designs and project plans and layouts shall be exempted from the labor requirements herein imposed: *Provided, further*, That where the number of available resources is less than the required percentages provided herein, said requirements shall be based on the maximum number of locally available labor resources which fact shall be certified by the municipal, city, provincial or district engineer as sufficient compliance with the labor requirements under this Act.”

SEC. 2. Section 4 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 4. *Notice of Labor Requirements.* —The contractor and/or subcontractor shall post in conspicuous areas to be specified and designated by proper district, provincial city or municipal authorities, a notice in either Filipino or English or the local dialect, that local residents are needed for the project. Applicants shall bring their voter’s identification card, or any reliable document of identification or submit a certification from the barangay captain or any other member of the barangay council in the absence of the barangay captain to prove that they are bona fide and actual residents of the locality where the project will be undertaken AND A CERTIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT THAT THEY ARE CONSIDERED AS INDIGENTS AS LISTED IN THE ROSTER OF SAID AGENCY. Furthermore, applicants shall pass reasonable performance requirements of the contractor.”

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,