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HOUSE BILL NO. 2773

Introduced by: Hon. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that, "The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all" (Article II, Section 9).

Likewise, the fundamental law provides that "The Congress shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures that protect and enhance the right of all people to human dignity, reduce social, economic and political inequalities..." (Article XIII, Section 1) and that "The promotion of social justice shall include the commitment to create economic opportunities based on freedom and self-reliance" Article XIII, Section 2).

According to the International Labor Organization, "In 2007, the National Statistics Office (NSO) reported that more than 750,000 out of 1.6 million people in Quezon are living below or near the poverty line. The poverty incidence in the province spells the need for assistance that would nurture peace, human security and decent work. Labor could only be the sole asset of this population to support their families and survive the daily costs of living, which could also lead the path towards decent and productive work."

Further it reports that people in Quezon are confronted with social and economic challenges and "they are often forced to accept whatever work is accessible and available." Accordingly, "Increasing their livelihood assets and productivity at the community and local government levels can help in the local economic development and peace building process."

In this light, there is a need to facilitate the provision of adequate social and economic infrastructure services and reduce poverty and unemployment, particularly in the island municipality of Alabat, Quezon, which lacks appropriate training institutions that will enable its residents to become productive partners in community and nation building. With this in mind, this measure seeks to alleviate poverty in the 4th District of Quezon through the establishment of a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training Center for its poor residents thereby enabling them to become economically productive and self-reliant.

In view thereof, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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Training Center in the Fourth District of Quezon to be located in the Municipality of Alabat, Province of Quezon.

SEC. 2. The Training Center shall primarily provide technical and vocational training and skills development programs to low-income families and out-of-school youth.

SEC. 3. The TESDA, in coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment, shall formulate the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations that shall govern the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act on the year following the approval of this Act and in every year thereafter.

SEC. 5. Laws or part of laws, executive orders, circulars, regulations and memoranda inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. If any provision of this Act shall be held invalid, the remaining provisions shall be given full force and effect as completely as of the provision held invalid had not been included herein.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,