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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **5719**

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JOEL MAYO Z. ALMARIO**

On August 25, 1994, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) was established; through its creation, technical and vocational (Tech- Voc) training and education was revolutionized. Full participation of private industries, local governments and schools became a reality, preparing over 10,000,000 Filipinos for local and overseas employment.

Today, Tech-Voc Education is recognized as one of the pillars of the country's human resources development, effectively increasing the imbalance between skills development and job qualification requirements. The rapid, flexible, job-oriented, and competency-based training it provides equips human capital with the relevant skills needed for work. Tech-Voc graduates have become the face of highly competent, globally competitive, and world-class Filipino workers, becoming first options for employment and not just fallback choices. As the strong correlation between the proportion of Tech-Voc graduates and per capita income becomes more evident, the government should take further steps to promote and recognize Tech-Voc Education as a tool for poverty reduction, and ensure its continuous growth and development.

In recognition of such, this bill seeks to declare the 25th day of August of every year as the "National Tech-Voc Day". Both the public and private sectors through office-based celebrations and activities shall commemorate this special day.

Support for this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT DECLARING THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF AUGUST OF EVERY YEAR AS
THE NATIONAL TECH-VOC DAY**

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "**National Tech- Voc**
2 **Day.**"

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4 **SECTION 2. National Tech-Voc Day.** - The twenty-fifth day of August of every
5 year is hereby declared as the "National Tech-Voc Day".

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7 **SECTION 3. Scope.** - In observance of this special day as herein declared, all
8 heads of government agencies and instrumentalities, including government owned
9 and controlled corporations, local government units, public and private schools at the
10 basic, technical- vocational, and tertiary education institutions, employers in the
11 private sectors, and industry associations shall encourage and afford sufficient time
12 and opportunities for their employees to engage and participate in any activity
13 conducted within the premises of their offices or establishments in celebration of the
14 "National Tech-Voc Day".

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16 **SECTION 4. Lead Agency.** - The annual program of activities and advocacy
17 campaign for the "National Tech- Voc Day" shall be prepared and implemented by the

18 Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and the Department
19 of Education (DepEd) as the lead agencies.

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21 **SECTION 5. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
22 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of
23 general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

24 *Approved.*

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