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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In economics, there is such a term as "forward linkages" which refer to something which triggers a corollary development that will usually further the reason for the existence of that thing.

The same concept may be applied in the promotion of entrepreneurship in our country which is seen as a way to even up the lopsided economic development marked by concentration of enterprises in the urban centers.

This bills seeks to facilitate the establishment of leader enterprises in every barangay of the country so that in turn, every such leader enterprise will pave the way for the spurring of forward linkages in each and every barangay such as the creation of jobs, related industries and the jobs created by said related industries.

With the establishment of such leader enterprises, we will not only be able to address the aforementioned lopsided economic development in our country but the government will also be instrumental in teaching our barangays to become economically self-sufficient. As it has been said, it will lessen the government's usual practice of giving "fish" by enabling and

empowering our countrymen, especially those in the countrysides, by making them learn "how to fish".

Thus, the passage of this bill is not only very timely but is more importantly, very essential for our country's economic development.



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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RULES FOR THE SELECTION OF
A LEADER ENTREPRENEUR IN EVERY BARANGAY IN THE
COUNTRY**

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Leader Entrepreneur
in Every Barangay Act of 2017."

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is not only the policy but also the
aspiration of the State to achieve economic development but also to make
such development equitable such that there will be economic development
not only in the urban centers but also throughout the country, including the
countrysides.

SECTION 3. *Selection of a Leader Entrepreneur in Every Barangay in the
Country.* - The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is herein tasked to
choose at least one (1) leader entrepreneur in every barangay of the country,
as much as practicable, who shall be given assistance by the government to
put up his own business that would serve as a forward linkage to the creation
of jobs, related businesses and related jobs in every barangay in the country.

SECTION 4. *Benefits of a Leader Entrepreneur.* – Every leader entrepreneur shall be extended a loan with minimal interest for up to One Million Pesos (P1,000,000) depending on the requirements of the business or enterprise he or she will put up, technical assistance, as well as mentoring and supervision for a period of 5 years to ensure that the business not only survives but also is able to serve as a forward linkage to other enterprises in the barangay.

SECTION 5. *Criteria for Choosing the Leader Entrepreneur.* – The leader entrepreneur shall be chosen from a pool of applicants who indicated their intent to be so based on criteria that is contemplated by the spirit of this law.

SECTION 6. *Funding.* - An initial budget of Forty Billion Pesos (P40,000,000,000.00) is hereby allocated for this Act. The funds necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 7. *Implementing Rules.* – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government(DILG) is hereby tasked to jointly formulate the implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

SECTION 8. *Separability Clause* — If any provision of this Act is held invalid, the other provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION. 9. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees or rules inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION. 10. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.