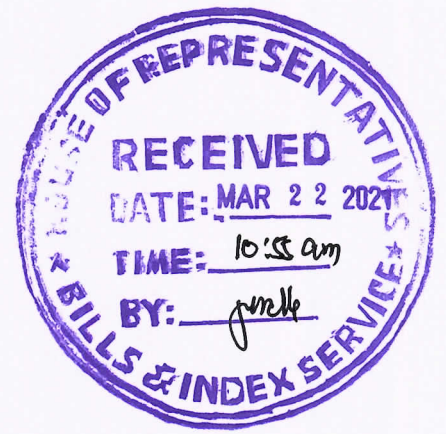


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

A registry is a repository of official records or information for a specified purpose. It acts as a database and provides easy access to data, do research, and gather information. Registries have been used in different fields and industries—in healthcare (patient registries), human resources (service agencies), and law and order (offender registries).

It is therefore important to have a registry or database, particularly in the field of labor and the promotion of consumer protection. This proposed measure seeks to create a registry of professionals and skilled workers in all barangays which will serve as a database of all professionals and skilled workers who voluntarily register in their respective locality in order to offer their services to the public.

Having a registry will provide a network of opportunities, connecting professionals and skilled workers to their clients and/or consumers. It gives the public access to the services they need from legitimate and qualified professionals and skilled workers.

With this measure, the State protects both the workers and the public from unscrupulous individuals or entities who wish to taint professions and the labor of skilled workers, and take advantage of the members of the community in need of their service.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as “Registry of
Professionals and Skilled Workers Act”.

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms. – For purposes of this Act, the
following terms shall be defined as follows:

- a. *Professionals* – shall refer to individuals who have completed the prescribed university course, passed the licensure examination and have been issued a Certificate of Registration/Professional ID Card/ Professional Tax Receipt (PTR); a member of good standing of an accredited professional organization (APO); follow a set of standards or code of practice; and adhere to professional code of ethics;
- b. *Skilled Workers* – shall refer to persons who regularly perform jobs that cater to household needs which usually involve the use of physical strength or skills such as plumbers, carpenters, electricians and automotive mechanics but shall in no case be limited to holders of national certificates issued by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA);
- c. *Professionals and Skilled Workers Registry* – a database of a particular barangay containing the names of all professionals and skilled workers residing therein who voluntarily registered and declared their qualifications and skills.

SECTION 3. The Professionals and Skilled Workers Registry. – Every barangay shall create and make public a registry, which shall serve as a database of all professionals and skilled workers who voluntarily register in order to offer their services to the public. The professionals and skilled workers must be residents of the barangay where they seek to be registered.

It shall be the responsibility of each barangay to disseminate information of the requirements and qualifications needed for registration.

SECTION 4. *Contents of the Registry.* – The Professionals and Skilled Workers Registry shall contain the following details:

- a. Name of the professional or skilled worker;
- b. Contact information (i.e. mobile number, e-mail address, business address);
- c. Nature of the services and/or skills offered;
- d. Proof of qualifications (i.e. professional license or registration certificate, TESDA National Certificate, Certificate of Competency or any certificate of training or seminars attended);
- e. Photocopy of Philippine Identification Card (Philippine National ID) pursuant to Republic Act No. 11055. If the registration is made during the pendency of the implementation of Republic Act No. 11055, the applicant shall submit photocopies of two (2) government issued identification cards without prejudice to the submission of the said copy of the Philippine ID immediately upon availability;
- f. NBI Clearance; and
- g. Any other details which the barangay deems necessary.

SECTION 5. *Access to Registry.* – The barangay shall make the registry available to the public by posting a copy of the bulletin board of the barangay or at any conspicuous place within the barangay hall. It may also be simultaneously accessed by the public online should the barangay have its own website.

SECTION 6. *Free Registration.* – The inclusion of the name and corresponding details of a professional or skilled worker in the registry shall be free of charge. However, the constituents who shall request for a copy of the database may be charged a reasonable fee to cover the actual cost of printing or reproduction of the details subject of the request.

SECTION 7. *Annual Updating of the Registry.* – The barangay shall update the registry of professionals and skilled workers at the beginning of every year without prejudice to the right of the professional or skilled worker to request to the barangay to immediately include and reflect any significant change/s in any of the information mentioned under Section 4 of this Act.

SECTION 8. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act or any part thereof be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.

SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.* – Any provision of law, decree, order, rule or regulation inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,