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Introduced by Representative Roman T. Romulo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the creation of a Barangay Skilled Workers Registry which shall serve as a repository of skilled workers' information.

Every household would need the services of a skilled worker such as a plumber, electrician, carpenter, or even a seamstress. With the Barangay Skilled Workers Registry, a resident need not go farther from his or her barangay to avail of the services of skilled workers. Moreover, both consumer and worker shall be protected from fraudulent transactions considering that the barangay shall keep a record of requests of consumers and data of workers.

The Barangay Skilled Workers Registry shall contain information about skilled workers residing in its jurisdiction such as their names, addresses, contact information, skills or nature of services, and certifications, if any. Inclusion in the Barangay Skilled Workers Registry is purely voluntary on the part of the skilled worker.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of the proposed measure is earnestly requested.

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**AN ACT MANDATING ALL BARANGAYS
TO CREATE A REGISTRY OF SKILLED WORKERS**

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 Barangay Skilled Workers
2 Registry Act".

3 SEC. 2. *Definition of Terms.* - As used in this Act:

4 (a) *Barangay* refers to the smallest political unit into which cities and municipalities in
5 the Philippines are divided in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code
6 of the Philippines.

7 (b) *Skilled workers* refers to persons who regularly perform jobs that cater to
8 household needs which usually involve the use of physical strength or skills such as plumbers,
9 carpenters and electricians. The skilled workers referred hereto shall in no case be limited to
10 holders of national certificates issued by the Technical Education and Skills Development
11 Authority (TESDA).

12 (c) *Barangay skilled workers registry* refers to the database of all skilled workers who
13 have registered information on their skills and qualifications at the barangays where they
14 reside to make their services readily available.

15 SEC. 3. *The Barangay Skilled Workers Registry.* - Every barangay shall create and make
16 public a registry that will serve as a database for all skilled workers who voluntarily register
17 and are willing to make their services available in the locality. These skilled workers need to
18 be residents of the barangay concerned. In addition, the barangay shall be responsible for

1 disseminating information on how skilled workers may include details of their skills and
2 qualifications in the said registry.

3 SEC. 4. *Contents of the Registry.* - All skilled workers who want their names included
4 in the skilled workers registry shall provide the following details or information, to be
5 disclosed and made readily available to the public:

6 (a) Name of the skilled worker;

7 (b) Address;

8 (c) Contact details;

9 (d) Skills and nature of jobs or services offered;

10 (e) TESDA National Certificate number and expiration date, if any or any other seminar
11 or training attended relevant to the services offered;

12 (f) Photocopies of at least two (2) government-issued identity documents (IDs); and

13 (g) Any other detail which the barangay deems necessary.

14 SEC. 5. *Access to the Registry.* - The barangay shall make the registry available to the
15 public by posting a copy at the barangay's bulletin board or at a conspicuous place within the
16 barangay hall. The same database may also be accessed by the public online should the
17 barangay have its own website.

18 Any person may obtain or request a copy of the database in part or in whole by
19 submitting a request in the form prescribed by the barangay. The barangay officer or
20 employee having custody over the registry shall act on the request immediately upon receipt
21 of the same.

22 SEC. 6. *Prohibition on Collection of Registration Fees.* - The inclusion of a skilled
23 worker's name and corresponding details in the registry shall be free from any fee similar to
24 or would partake in the nature of registration fees. However, constituents who request for a
25 copy of the database may be charged a reasonable fee that would cover the actual cost of
26 printing or photocopying of the information requested.

27 If the barangay decides to issue an ID pertaining to the skilled worker and the latter
28 agrees to avail of one, the barangay may collect a reasonable fee that would cover the actual
29 cost of the production of the ID. The ID shall only contain pertinent information about the
30 skilled worker such as photo, name, address, contact details, skills and nature of jobs or
31 services offered, and the TESDA National Certificate number and expiration date, if any. The
32 same shall be in the nature of a government-issued ID. The barangay or any other person is
33 prohibited from including logos, slogans and photos that are political in nature.

1 SEC. 7. *Annual Updating of the Registry.* - The barangay shall update the registry of
2 skilled workers at the beginning of every year. This is without prejudice to the right of skilled
3 workers to request the barangay to immediately reflect any significant change in any of the
4 information required under Section 4 of this Act.

5 SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act or any part hereof be declared
6 unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this
7 Act.

8 SEC 9. *Repealing Clause.* - SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. — All laws, decrees, orders, rules
9 and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
10 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

13 Approved,