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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1992



Introduced by REP. JOSEPH STEPHEN S. PADUANO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill aims to institutionalize trainings and program dedicated towards sustainable rehabilitation of drug dependents in the program of the Technical and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and appropriating corresponding funds for the said program.

In 2021, there were around 1.2 million drug users and personalities who surrendered, according to then Interior and Local Government Secretary Eduardo Año.¹ Given the large number of surrenderers, there were also several proposed measures that intend to respond to such situation and ensure the sustainability of rehabilitation program in our country for former drug dependents.

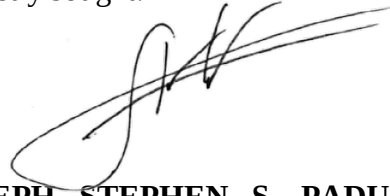
TESDA is one among other relevant agencies of our government in facilitating the reintegration of drug dependents back to their respective families and communities. The technical education and skills development that the said agency can provide will help former drug dependents to resume their values and confidence, be employable, and eventually become self-reliant and productive members of our society.

The bill entitled “*An Act Mandating the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to include in its Annual Approved Budget an Allocation Intended for Trainings and Programs for the Drug Dependents that were Already Rehabilitated*” or House Bill No. 903 was originally filed in the 18th Congress by this Representation wherein it was consolidated with other similar proposed measures, deliberated at the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, Appropriations, and Rules, and was substituted by House Bill No. 10062, entitled “*An Act Mandating the Technical Education and Skills Development*

¹ “Nearly half of 1.2M drug surrenderers back to normal lives: DILG”, PNA 2021, <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1147764>

Authority to Institutionalize a Technical-Vocational Education and Training and Livelihood Program Designed Specifically for Rehabilitated Drug Dependents and Appropriating Funds Therefor", with this Representation as one of the principal authors. It was approved on Third Reading and eventually transmitted to the Senate.

Hence, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
MANDATING THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY TO INSTITUTIONALIZE A TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM DESIGNED
SPECIFICALLY FOR REHABILITATED DRUG DEPENDENTS AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA),
2 in coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), shall provide
3 rehabilitated drug dependents with competitive and employable skills which shall enhance
4 their ability to find gainful employment and livelihood opportunities. The DOLE shall
5 provide incentives to companies which employ rehabilitated drug dependents who have
6 undergone the technical-vocational education and training (TVET) and livelihood programs
7 under this Act.

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9 **SEC. 2.** The Director General of TESDA shall immediately include in the Authority's
10 programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual
11 General Appropriations Act.

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1 **SEC. 3.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the TESDA shall, in
2 coordination with the DOLE, promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective
3 implementation of this Act.

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5 **SEC. 4.** All laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive orders, letters of
6 instructions, rules or regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
7 repealed or modified accordingly.

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9 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
10 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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12 *Approved,*