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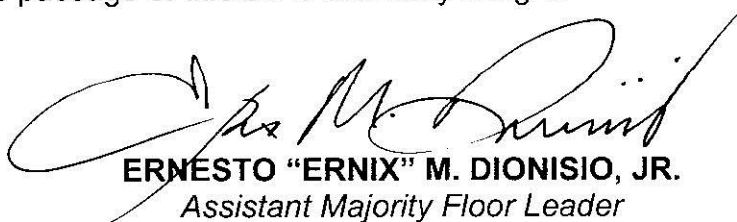
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed bill seeks to create a Barangay Professional and Skilled Workers Registry with the aim of providing professionals and skilled workers with more opportunities, hopefully within their own community. This also provides the public with the necessary information to address their need for the services of professionals and skilled workers.

The information generated from the Registry can also be utilized by TESDA and DOLE to gauge the demand and supply for certain skills in the country. With this, the TESDA can fine-tune its training programs to meet the demands of certain skills. The information provided by the registry serves as protection for consumers considering that only qualified professionals and skilled workers can be tapped to perform services.

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



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A REGISTRY OF PROFESSIONALS AND SKILLED WORKERS
IN EVERY BARANGAY

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 the "Barangay Professionals and Skilled Workers Act."

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms.

a.) Barangay – refers to the basic political unit which serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, and activities in the community, and as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled.

b.) Skilled worker – refers to a person who regularly performs jobs that cater to household need which usually involve the use of physical strength or skills, such as plumbers, carpenters, electricians, etc. The skilled worker referred hereto shall, in no case be limited to a holder of Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) National Certificates; and

c.) 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; follow a set of standards or code of practice; and adhere to professional code of ethics.

d.) Barangay Professionals and skilled workers registry – refers to the database of all skilled workers who have registered their information and qualifications as required by this Act at the barangays where they are actually residing.

SECTION 3. Barangay Professionals and Skilled Workers Registry. –

There shall be established in every barangay a publicly accessible workers registry that will serve as a database for all professionals and skilled workers who voluntarily register and are willing to make their services available to the locality. The professionals and skilled workers must be residents of the barangay concerned. In addition, the barangay shall be responsible for disseminating information on how professionals and skilled workers may include their details in the registry.

SECTION 4. Contents of Registry. – A professional or skilled worker who desires to be listed in the registry shall provide the following details or information to be disclosed and made readily accessible to the public:

- a.) Name;
- b.) Address;
- c.) Contact details;
- d.) Skills and/or nature of job offered;
- e.) Proof of qualifications such as a professional license or registration certificate, TESDA National Certificate number and expiration date, trainings, seminars attended relevant to the services offered, if any;
- f.) Photocopy of at least two (2) government-issued identification cards; and
- g.) Other details or information which the barangay may deem necessary.

SECTION 5. Access to the Registry. – The barangay shall make the registry available to the public by posting a copy at the barangay bulletin board at a conspicuous place within the barangay hall, or by posting online on the barangay website, if available.

A person may obtain a copy of the database in part or in whole by submitting a request in the form prescribed by the barangay. The barangay officer or employee having custody over the registry shall act on the request immediately upon receipt of the same. The barangay shall obtain the following information from the requestor:

- a.) Name;
- b.) Address;
- c.) Contact details;
- d.) Title or occupation of the professional or skilled worker;
- e.) Reason for requesting the information of the professional or skilled worker

SECTION 6. Publication on Collection of Registration Fees. – Any professional or skilled worker may request the barangay to include one's name and corresponding details in the registry free of charge. The barangay is prohibited from collecting any fee similar to or would partake in the nature of registration fees; *Provided, however,* That any resident of the barangay who shall request for a copy of the database may be charged for a reasonable fee to be prescribed by the barangay, to cover the actual cost of reproduction of the information requested.

If the barangay decides to issue an identification card pertaining to the professional or skilled worker, and the latter agrees to avail of such card, the barangay may collect a reasonable fee to be prescribed by the barangay, to cover the actual cost of its production. The identification card shall contain only pertinent information about the professional or skilled worker such as photograph, name, address, contact details, skills and/or nature of jobs or services offered, and proof of qualification

number and expiration date, if any. The barangay or any other person is prohibited from including logos, slogans, and photographs or any other content that would partake of political nature.

SECTION 7. Annual Updating of the Registry. – The barangay shall update the professional and skilled workers registry at the beginning of every year. This is without prejudice to the right of the professional or skilled worker to request the barangay to immediately update the details should there be significant changes in any of the information enumerated under Section 4 of this Act.

SECTION 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Interior and Local Government, in coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment, TESDA, and other concerned agencies, and upon consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall formulate the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 9. Separability Clause. – If any section or provision of this Act is held invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and effective.

SECTION 10. Appropriations. – The funds for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 11. Repealing Clause. – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 12. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect on the fifteenth (15) day following its publication in at least two (2) national papers of general circulation.