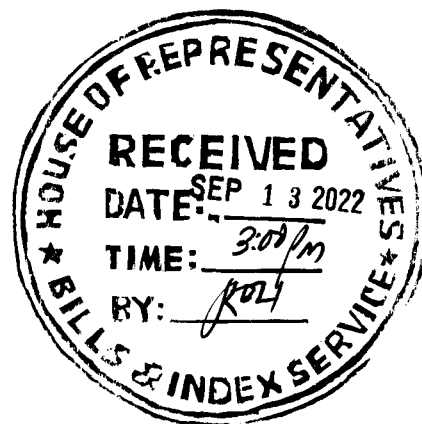




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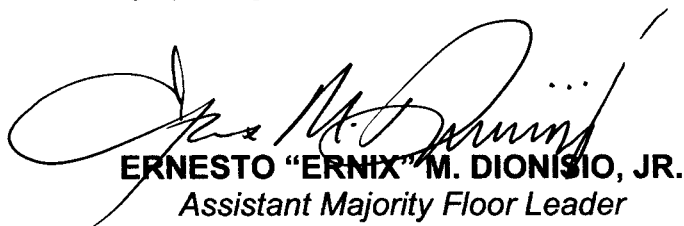
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The primary goal of our correctional system is the rehabilitation of offenders in the hopes that after serving their sentence, they can be productive members of our society. Part of this process of rehabilitating offenders must be in providing them with the necessary education and training so they can take an active part in society.

This bill proposes for a more institutionalized skills development program to be adopted to benefit inmates. This is to further facilitate their reintegration into the workforce by allowing them to acquire or improve their skills. It is hoped that with the passage of this bill, they may be properly assisted in uplifting their economic status.

With this, the passage of this bill is highly sought.


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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM AND PROVIDING JOB
OPPORTUNITIES TO INMATES IN DETENTION FACILITIES, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Skills Development for Inmates Act.”

SECTION 2. Establishment of Skills Training Program for inmates. – The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and Department of Justice (DOJ) shall establish a skills training program for all inmates in the Philippines.

In addition, a Job Search and Livelihood Assistance Desk shall be established inside prisons to help ex-offenders create sustainable employment once they are released from prison.

SECTION 3. Appropriations. – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be sourced from the current budgets of TESDA, DepEd, DOLE, and DOJ. Thereafter, the funds necessary for the continuous implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the TESDA, DepEd, DOLE and DOJ, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.