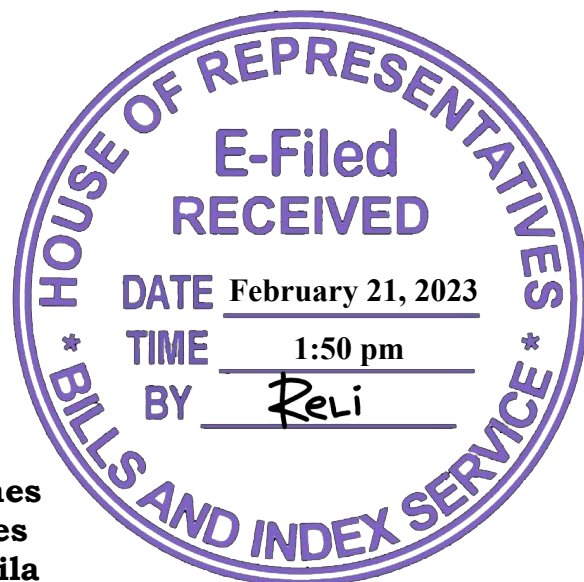




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Quezon City, Metro Manila**

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HOUSE BILL NO. 7266



Introduced by Representative Rudys Caesar G. Fariñas I

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to address the issue of drug dependency and provide support for individuals who have successfully undergone rehabilitation by giving them access to technical and vocational education and training (TVET) programs. The bill mandates the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to establish a specialized TVET program for individuals who have undergone drug rehabilitation. The program aims to equip them with the skills and knowledge necessary to start a new life and find gainful employment, thus providing them with an opportunity to rebuild their lives and reintegrate into society.

The bill recognizes that rehabilitation is just the first step in the recovery process and that access to education and training is crucial in sustaining rehabilitation success. By providing rehabilitated drug dependents with access to TVET programs, the bill seeks to empower them to take control of their future and become productive members of society.

Overall, the bill aims to address the issue of drug dependency by providing rehabilitated drug dependents with access to education and training opportunities that will enable them to lead productive lives, reintegrate into society, and make meaningful contributions to their communities.

Hence, this representation seeks the passage of this measure.


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

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

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

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

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

Approved,