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Introduced by: **REP. SALVADOR A. PLEYTO, SR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State recognizes the importance of fostering community engagement, enhancing personal and professional development, and strengthening local networks. The present trend of using the on-line platform should be maximized to create a platform for residents to share their skills, learn from others, and contribute to the betterment of their community. More importantly, they are an effective way to facilitate stronger community connections and give residents, especially those who are staying at home, a gateway to better outcomes.

The State aims to establish mentorship programs that connect experienced professionals with youth, aspiring entrepreneurs, and other community members. There is a need to collaborate with national and local agencies to ensure the successful implementation and sustainability of these initiatives.

Ostensibly, the purpose of mentoring programs is to facilitate knowledge sharing, expand participants' networks, and help create a strong culture where everyone feels they have a support network for growth and connection. The youth will also benefit so much from this program especially the Out of School Youth.

In view of the aforesaid, the approval of this measure is hereby earnestly sought.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COMMUNITY SKILL SHARING AND MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

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 "Community Skill Sharing and Mentorship Program".

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy* – It is the policy of the State to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to economic development which shall endeavor to is to foster community engagement, enhance personal and professional development, and strengthen local networks by establishing a comprehensive skill-sharing platform, mentorship networks, and strategic partnerships with local and national organizations.

SECTION 3. *Establishment of Skill Sharing Platform*

(a) The Government shall establish an online and offline skill-sharing platform where residents may list their skills and request services.

(b) The platform shall include categories such as tutoring, home repairs, tech support, and other community services.

(c) The Government shall ensure the platform is accessible, secure, and user-friendly, integrating feedback from residents for continuous improvement.

SECTION 4. *Recognition and Incentives*

(a) Active participants who contribute significantly to the community through the skill-sharing and mentorship programs shall be eligible for recognition and incentives.

(b) Recognitions may include certificates, small grants, public acknowledgment, or other forms of appreciation.

(c) The IRR shall establish criteria and procedures for awarding these recognitions and incentives.

SECTION 5. *Appropriations* - The amount needed for the implementation of this Act shall be include in the budget of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA) of the year following its enactment to law and thereafter.

SECTION 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Tourism (DOT), and Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.*- All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, ordinances, rules and regulation, and other issuances or part thereof which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. *Separability Clause* – If for any reason any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

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

Approved,