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HOUSE BILL NO. **1650**

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE CHEENO MIGUEL D. ALMARIO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the recent report of the Dangerous Drug Board (DDB), it showed that there are currently eighty-two (82) Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Centers (DATRCs) operating in the country. The data showed that there is an increase of forty-three (43%) of admission compared to the previous years.¹ This means that more and more people are seeking active help to break the deadly cycle of drug addiction.

In order to encourage more drug dependents to seek professional help, this bill aims to provide them with a means of livelihood once they are completely rehabilitated. Earning a decent income from a job which will give them a sense of dignity is an important step towards the right direction. It is the hope of the author of this bill that by giving them an opportunity to earn a steady income, they will be future partners of nation building. This will also break the stigma attached to them and give them a second chance at a righteous life.

Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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¹ <https://ddb.gov.ph/2023-statistical-analysis/>.



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AN ACT
MANDATING THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
AND TRAINING AND LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMS SPECIFICALLY FOR REHABILITATED
DRUG DEPENDENTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in the 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
3 institutionalize the provision of technical-vocational education and training (TVET) and
4 livelihood programs designed specifically for rehabilitated drug dependents. The TVET
5 and livelihood programs shall focus on competitive and employable skills that can be
6 acquired and developed by rehabilitated drug dependents to further enhance their ability
7 to find gainful employment and entrepreneurial livelihood opportunities.

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9 The DOLE shall provide incentives to companies which shall employ rehabilitated
10 drug dependents who have undergone the TVET and livelihood programs mandated
11 under this Act.

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13 **SEC. 2.** The Director General of TESDA shall immediately include in the Authority's
14 programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the
15 annual 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, formulate 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,