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HOUSE BILL NO. **3993**



Introduced by **Representative RAYMOND ADRIAN SALCEDA**

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN
BARANGAY ILAWOD, MUNICIPALITY OF GUINOBATAN, PROVINCE OF
ALBAY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) is mandated to provide accessible and relevant technical-vocational education and training (TVET) for Filipinos across the country. A crucial aspect of this mandate is the establishment of training and assessment centers in local communities, particularly in areas where poverty alleviation and livelihood opportunities are most needed.

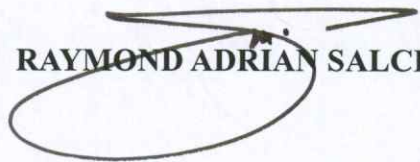
Barangay Ilawod in the Municipality of Guinobatan, Province of Albay, currently has an existing government-owned building that has been used for small-scale training activities. However, the absence of formal institutionalization and full TESDA accreditation has limited its capacity to serve more residents and provide recognized certifications.

Guinobatan is a major agricultural municipality and is also highly vulnerable to natural disasters, being located at the foot of Mt. Mayon. A TESDA Center in Barangay Ilawod will empower local residents by equipping them with practical and marketable skills in agriculture, food processing, welding, construction, and other trades. It will also serve as a venue for disaster-resilient livelihood training programs, enabling the community to adapt to risks while sustaining income sources.

This measure institutionalizes the existing facility as a TESDA Training and Assessment Center under the supervision of TESDA, ensuring that it is fully equipped, staffed, and funded through the General Appropriations Act. The Local Government Unit of Guinobatan will provide the site and facilities, while TESDA will develop training programs, provide instructors, and accredit certifications.

The establishment of the Ilawod TESDA Training and Assessment Center will expand educational and economic opportunities for the people of Guinobatan and neighboring towns, contributing directly to inclusive rural development and sustainable poverty reduction.

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



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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 *Ilawod TESDA Training Center Act*.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is the policy of the State to promote technical education, vocational skills, and livelihood training in order to enhance employability, productivity, and competitiveness of the Filipino workforce, especially in rural areas. Toward this end, the State shall strengthen the role of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in expanding access to quality technical-vocational education and training (TVET) in underserved communities.

SEC. 3. *Establishment of a TESDA Training and Assessment Center.* There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, a TESDA Training and Assessment Center in Barangay Ilawod, Municipality of Guinobatan, Province of Albay.

SEC. 4. *Site and Facilities.* Barangay Ilawod, Guinobatan, Albay shall provide the existing building in Barangay Ilawod, which has been used for small-scale training programs, to house the Center. TESDA shall equip, staff, and operate the Center in coordination with the Local Government Unit and other stakeholders.

SEC. 5. *Program Offerings.* The Center shall offer training and assessment programs responsive to the needs of the Municipality of Guinobatan and the Province of Albay, including but not limited to agricultural skills, food processing, construction trades, welding, disaster-resilient livelihoods, and information and communications technology, as determined by TESDA in consultation with the Local Government Unit and industry partners.

SEC. 6. *Appropriations.* The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current budget of TESDA. Thereafter, the funds necessary for the continued operation of the Center shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, TESDA shall, in coordination with the Local Government Unit of Guinobatan and other concerned agencies, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,