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AN ACT
TO MODERNIZE THE NATIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
ECOSYSTEM BY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10644, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE GO NEGOSYO ACT

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 10644, otherwise known as Go Negosyo Act, was originally enacted to promote inclusive growth among Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSMEs) through the establishment of Negosyo Centers nationwide. Over the past years, these Centers have significantly expanded access to business assistance, training, and regulatory support. However, the rapid evolution of the digital economy now demands an updated and forward-looking framework to ensure that MSMEs remain competitive in an increasingly technology-driven environment.

MSMEs account for more than 90% of all businesses in the country and employ a majority of the Philippine workforce. Yet, many remain constrained by limited access to digital tools, outdated business processes, and fragmented online service services, and insufficient digital skills. These challenges hinder productivity, raise operational costs, and restrict market participation-especially in e-commerce and global trade. The COVID-19 pandemic further underscored the urgency of digital transformation as a fundamental requirement for business continuity and resilience.

This proposed measure seeks to modernize the Go Negosyo Act by placing digitalization at the core of MSME development, ensuring that Negosyo Centers

evolve into fully capable, technology-enabled service hubs. It introduces several key reforms in the MSME ecosystem to enable end-to-end online business processes, creating a national e-services portal, and expanding digital and e-commerce training for entrepreneurs. With strengthened digital infrastructure, dedicated Digital Business Counselors, and a modern accreditation and innovation support system, the measure ensures that MSMEs can seamlessly adopt technology, improve productivity, and access high-quality digital services.

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 the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the *"Enhanced Go Negosyo Act."*

SECTION 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 10644, otherwise known as the *"Go Negosyo Act,"* is hereby amended to include new subparagraphs (t), (u), and (v) to read as follows:

" SECTION 4. Functions of the Negosyo Centers. – Negosyo Centers shall have the following functions:

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(T) PROVIDE FULLY DIGITALIZED BUSINESS REGISTRATION AND COMPLIANCE SUPPORT SERVICES, INCLUDING ONLINE FILING, DIGITAL DOCUMENT SUBMISSION, ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS, AND REAL-TIME APPLICATION TRACING, IN COORDINATION WITH RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES;

(U) SERVE AS ACCESS POINTS TO AN INTEGRATED MSME DIGITAL PORTAL, WHICH SHALL CONSOLIDATE BUSINESS REGISTRATION PROCESSES, GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, FINANCIAL

SERVICES, TRAINING MATERIALS, AND PERFORMANCE DASHBOARDS FOR MSMEs;

(V) CONDUCT DIGITAL LITERACY AND E-COMMERCE CAPACITY-BUILDING PROGRAMS FOR MSMEs, INCLUDING TRAINING ON ONLINE MARKETING, CYBERSECURITY, DIGITAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, AND THE USE OF PRODUCTIVITY-ENHANCING TECHNOLOGIES; and

(W) FACILITATE LINKAGES TO TECHNOLOGY PROVIDERS AND DIGITAL PLATFORMS THAT SUPPORT MSME GROWTH, SUCH AS E-COMMERCE MARKETPLACES, PAYMENT SYSTEMS, LOGISTICS SOLUTIONS, CLOUD SERVICES, AND DIGITAL BUSINESS TOOLS.

SECTION 3. A new section, to be designated as Section 4-A, is hereby inserted after Section 4 of the same Act to read as follows:

"SECTION 4-A. DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND STAFFING.

- (a) THE DTU SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL NEGOSYO CENTERS ARE EQUIPPED WITH RELIABLE INTERNET CONNECTIVITY, COMPUTER TERMINALS, AND DIGITAL TOOLS NECESSARY FOR THE ONLINE DELIVERY OF SERVICES.
- (b) EACH NEGOSYO CENTER SHALL EMPLOY AT LEAST TWO (2) DIGITAL BUSINESS COUNSELORS TRAINED IN MSME DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION, INNOVATION SUPPORT, AND TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION.
- (c) THE DTI IN COORDINATION WITH THE DICT AND CSC, SHALL DEVELOP COMPETENCY STANDARDS AND JOB DESCRIPTION FOR DIGITAL BUSINESS COUNSELORS."

SECTION 4. A new section, to be designated as Section 8-A, is hereby inserted after Section 8 of the same Act to read as follows:

"SECTION 8-A. MSME E-SERVICES AND ONE-STOP DIGITAL PORTAL. – THE DTI IN COORDINATION WITH THE DICT, SHALL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A NATIONAL MSME E-SERVICES PLATFORM, WHICH SHALL:

1. INTEGRATE ALL ONLINE AND AUTOMATED SERVICES OF THE NEGOSYO CENTERS;
2. PROVIDE A UNIFIED MDME PROFILE AND DIGITAL ID FOR SIMPLIFIED AVAILING OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORT;
3. HOST E-LEARNING CONTENT, DIGITAL TOOLKITS, AND STANDARDIZED TEMPLATES;
4. ENABLE ONLINE BOOKNG OR MENTORING SESSIONS AND DIGITAL ADVISORY SERVICES; AND
5. ALLOW DATA SHARING AMONG RELEVANT AGENCIES, SUBJECT TO THE DATA PRIVACY ACT.”

SECTION 5. A new section, to be designated as Section 8-B, is hereby inserted after the new Section 8-A of the same Act to read as follows:

"SECTION 8-B. DIGITAL ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRY SYSTEM. – THE DTI SHALL ESTABLISH A DIGITAL ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRY SYSTEM FOR ALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICE (BDS) PROVIDERS OFFERING DIGITAL TRNASFORMATION SERVICES TO MSMEs.

THE REGISTRY SHALL;

- (a) CLASSIFY PROVIDERS BY EPERTISE (E-COMMERCE, DIGITAL MARKETING, AUTOMATION, DIGITAL, FINANCE, CYBERSECURITY, ETC.);
- (b) PROVIDE AN ONLINE VERIFICATION MECHANISM; AND
- (c) BE PUBLICY ACCESSIBLE THROUGH THE MSME E-SERVICES PLATFORM."

SECTION 6. A new section, to be designated as Section 8-C, is hereby inserted after Section 8-B:

“SECTION 8-C. DIGITAL INNOVATION SUPPORT AND TECHNOLOGY GRANTS. – THE DTI SHALL DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT A DIGITAL INNOVATION SUPPORT PROGRAM PROVIDING GRANTS, VOUCHERS, OR SUBSIDIZED ACCESS FOR MSMEs ADOPTING TECHNOLOGIES SUCH AS:

1. E-COMMERCE SOLUTIONS;
2. DIGITAL PAYMENT SYSTEMS;
3. INVENTORY AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TOOLS;
4. CLOUD-BASED PLATFORMS;

5. AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGIES; AND
6. OTHER DIGITAL TOOLS IDENTIFIED BY THE DTI.”

SECTION 7. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). Thereafter, such amounts as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SECTION 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Trade and Industry, in consultation with the MSMED Council, DICT, and other relevant stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 9. *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.

SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,