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In many communities across the country, skilled workers—such as carpenters, electricians, plumbers, gardeners, sewists, cooks, and cleaners—play a vital role in meeting everyday household and community needs. However, despite their importance, many skilled workers struggle with irregular income, lack of access to job opportunities, and limited visibility to potential clients. On the other hand, households in need of reliable workers often face difficulty finding reputable and legitimate service providers.

This bill seeks to address these gaps by mandating all Public Employment Service Offices (PESO) and barangays to establish a Skilled Workers Registry, a publicly accessible database of skilled workers who voluntarily register within their locality. The registry will include basic information such as skills, contact details, and relevant training or certificates, thereby making it easier for constituents to engage the services of qualified workers.

By organizing and publishing this registry the government can help bridge the gap between supply and demand for household and technical services. The measure enhances employment opportunities for skilled workers and also promotes transparency, accessibility, and consumer protection for the community.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this legislative measure is earnestly sought


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AN ACT
MANDATING ALL PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICES, AND
BARANGAYS TO CREATE A REGISTRY OF SKILLED WORKERS

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 Skilled Workers Registry Act".

Section 2. *Declaration of State Policy* – Article XIII, Section 3 of the Constitution mandates the State to afford protection to labor, promote full employment, and guarantee equal opportunities for all workers. These constitutional directives recognize that access to decent work and livelihood is essential to social and economic development. To this end, the government, through the Public Employment Service Offices (PESO) and the barangays shall establish a Skilled Workers Registry.

Section 3. *Definition of Terms* – As used in this Act:

- a.) *Skilled workers* shall refer to individuals who have specialized training, knowledge, or experience catering to basic household needs. This shall include carpenters, electricians, plumbers, gardeners, sewists, cooks and cleaners. In no case shall this be limited to holders of national certificates issued by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).
- b.) *Skilled workers registry* shall refer to a database of all skilled workers with their information and qualifications, making their services readily available.

Section 4. *The Skilled Workers Registry* – All Public Employment Service Office (PESO) and all Barangays shall create a database of all skilled workers who voluntarily register and are willing to make their services available within their

locality. These skilled workers must be *bona fide* residents of the said locality to be included in the registry.

Section 5. *Contents of the Registry* - All skilled workers who want their names included in the registry shall provide the following details or information, to be disclosed and made readily available to the public:

- a.) Full Name of the skilled worker;
- b.) Skills and nature of jobs or services offered;
- c.) Address and Contact details;
- d.) TESDA National Certificate, if any or any other seminar or training attended relevant to the services offered;
- e.) Photocopies of at least one (1) government-issued identity documents (IDs);

The registry must be organized according to skill such that any person may easily find their needed skilled worker/s.

Section 6. *Access to the Registry* - The said registry must be published online through the official social media page or website of the PESO and the Barangay, and posted in at least ten (10) conspicuous areas of the locality.

Any person may obtain or request a copy of the database in part or in whole. The barangay officer or employee having custody over the registry shall act on the request immediately upon receipt of the same.

Section 7. *Prohibition on Collection of Registration Fees* - The inclusion of a skilled worker's name and corresponding details in the registry shall be free from any fee. However, constituents who request for a copy of the database may be charged a reasonable fee that would cover only the actual cost of printing or photocopying of the information requested.

Section 8. *Annual Updating of the Registry* – PESO and the barangay shall update the registry of skilled workers at the beginning of every year. This is without prejudice to the right of skilled workers to request the barangay to immediately reflect any significant change in any of the information required under Section 4 of this Act.

Section 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* - Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of Labor and Employment, in consultation with other concerned stakeholders, shall formulate and issue the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

Section 10. *Appropriations* - The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 11. *Separability Clause* – If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 12. *Repealing Clause* – All laws, executive orders, and administrative orders or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 13. *Effectivity Clause* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the online version of the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation or with an established internet website presence.