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AN ACT
MANDATING ALL BARANGAYS TO CREATE A REGISTRY OF
SKILLED WORKERS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that: “The State affirms labor as a primary social economic force. It shall protect the rights of workers and promote their welfare.” Further, “the State shall afford full protection to labor, and promote full employment and equality of employment opportunities for all.”

In line with this Constitutional mandate, the proposed legislation seeks to establish a barangay registry that will serve as a database for all skilled workers who voluntarily register and are willing to make their services available in the locality. The registry shall contain relevant details such as names, addresses, contact information, skills and nature of jobs or services offered, and TESDA National Certificate number and expiration date, if any or any other seminar or training attended relevant to the services offered.

The creation of the registry is a practical way to promote the employment of skilled workers and will be a tool to reduce poverty, and thereby improve the quality of life of Filipinos.

Finally, we would like to recognize Rep. Roman Romulo of the Lone District of Pasig for filing this bill in the 19th Congress, which was approved on third and final reading in the House of Representatives.

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



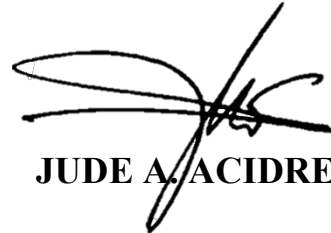
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as "*The Barangay Skilled Workers Registry Act*".

SEC. 2. Definition of Terms. - As used in this Act:

- (a) Barangay refers to the smallest political unit into which cities and municipalities in the Philippines are divided in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code of the Philippines;
- (b) Skilled workers refer to persons who regularly perform jobs that cater to household needs which usually involve the use of physical strength or skills such as plumbers, carpenters and electricians. The skilled workers referred hereto shall in no case be limited to holders of national certificates issued by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA); and
- (c) Barangay skilled workers registry refers to the database of all skilled workers who have registered information on their skills and qualifications at the barangays where they reside to make their services readily available.

SEC. 3. The Barangay Skilled Workers Registry. - Every barangay shall create and make public a registry that will serve as a database for all skilled workers who voluntarily register and are willing to make their services available in the locality.

These skilled workers need to be residents of the barangay concerned. In addition, the barangay shall be responsible for disseminating information on how skilled workers may include details of their skills and qualifications in the said registry.

SEC. 4. Contents of the Registry. - All skilled workers who want their names included in the skilled workers registry shall provide the following details or information, to be disclosed and made readily available to the public:

- (a) Name of the skilled worker;
- (b) Address;
- (c) Contact details;
- (d) Skills and nature of jobs or services offered;
- (e) TESDA National Certificate number and expiration date, if any or any other seminar or training attended relevant to the services offered;
- (f) Photocopies of at least two (2) government-issued identity documents (IDs);
- (g) Any other detail which the barangay deems necessary.

SEC. 5. Access to the Registry. - The barangay shall make the registry available to the public by posting a copy at the barangay's bulletin board or at a conspicuous place within the barangay hall. The same database may also be accessed by the public online should the barangay have its own website.

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

SEC. 6. 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 similar to or would partake in the nature of registration fees. However, constituents who request for a copy of the database may be charged a reasonable fee that would cover the actual cost of printing or photocopying of the information requested.

If the barangay decides to issue an ID pertaining to the skilled worker and the latter agrees to avail of one, the barangay may collect a reasonable fee that would cover the actual cost of the production of the ID. The ID shall only contain pertinent information about the skilled worker such as photo, name, address, contact details, skills and nature of jobs or services offered, and the TESDA National Certificate number and expiration date, if any. The same shall be in the nature of a government-issued ID. The barangay or any other person is prohibited from including logos, slogans and photos that are political in nature.

SEC. 7. Annual Updating of the Registry. - 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.

SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the DILG, in consultation with other concerned stakeholders, shall formulate and issue the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

SEC 9. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act or any part hereof be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.

SEC 10. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 11. Effectivity. - Notwithstanding the non-issuance of the IRR, this Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,