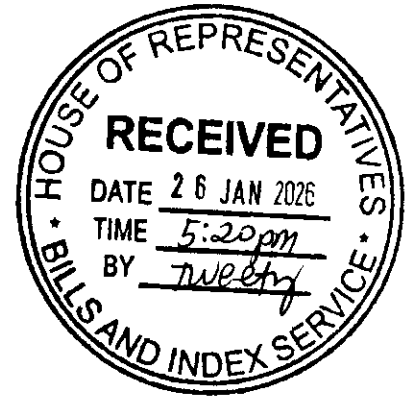




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The creation of a database in the form of a registry is a good tool to optimize the local employment matching of the skilled workers.

At present, there are some Local Government Units (LGUs) who have created their own version of skilled workers databases. One of the impacts of such database is good investment attraction as it shows the skills density in a specific area. Moreover, many “blue-collar” workers or skilled workers who primarily relied on referrals or word-of-mouth will be given a platform to seek employment, which in turn translates to a better employment matching.

This bill seeks to mandate all barangays across the country to create a Barangay Skilled Workers Registry. With the said registry on the barangay level, the job matching of skilled workers with those residents seeking to hire specific kind of skilled worker will be guaranteed with ease. In addition, the demographics on the skilled workers will be updated so as to give them proper recognition on their contribution to our economy.

Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
MANDATING ALL 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 "**Barangay Skilled Workers Registry Act**"

Section 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* refers 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).

(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.

Section 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.

Section 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 training attended relevant to the services offered; (f) Photocopies of at least two (2) government-issued identity documents (IDs); and (g) such other detail which the barangay deems necessary.

Section 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 or other digital portals.

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.

Section 6. Updating of Information in the Registry – The barangay shall ensure that the data collected and reflected in the registry is up-to-date. Any changes thereon may be requested by the concerned skilled workers and/or upon the initiative of the barangay.

Section 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.

Approved,