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HOUSE BILL NO. 11040

Introduced by:

HON. CHRISTOPHERSON “COCO” M. YAP

AN ACT
MANDATING THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMS SPECIFICALLY FOR
REHABILITATED DRUG DEPENDENTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

EXPLANATORY NOTE

For many people struggling with substance use, the hardest part of recovery is not only overcoming addiction but also overcoming the judgment of others. Negative labels and stereotypes can lead to discrimination, shame, and rejection, making it harder for recovering individuals to seek help and rebuild their lives. While accountability remains important, recovery should also give people a chance to change. A person who has completed rehabilitation should not be defined forever by his or her past.

Recovery does not end after rehabilitation. For many recovering individuals, the next challenge is finding a job, earning a living, and becoming productive and independent members of society. Without skills, livelihood opportunities, and support, they may struggle to rebuild their lives and become vulnerable to returning to harmful circumstances. The State must therefore provide them with a real opportunity to start again.

This measure seeks to institutionalize Technical-Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and livelihood programs specifically for rehabilitated drug dependents. These programs will help them gain practical skills, improve their chances of finding decent employment, and pursue small businesses or other livelihood opportunities. By

investing in their skills and self-reliance, we give recovering individuals not only a second chance, but also the means to make that second chance last. A similar measure was filed during the 19th Congress.

In view of the foregoing, **ug sa ngalan sa SERBISYONG TINUORAY**, the undersigned respectfully requests the immediate passage of this measure.


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

SECTION 1. The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), in coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), shall institutionalize the provision of technical-vocational education and training (TVET) and livelihood programs designed specifically for rehabilitated drug dependents. The TVET and livelihood programs shall focus on competitive and employable skills that can be acquired and developed by rehabilitated drug dependents to further enhance their ability to find gainful employment and entrepreneurial livelihood opportunities.

The DOLE shall provide incentives to companies which shall employ rehabilitated drug dependents who have undergone the TVET and livelihood programs mandated under this Act.

SECTION 2. The Director General of TESDA shall immediately include in the Authority’s programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the TESDA shall, in coordination with the DOLE, formulate the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. Separability Clause. — If any part, section or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. — All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, regulations, issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,