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HOUSE BILL No. 11308

Introduced by REP. RAMIL L. HERNANDEZ

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MICROENTERPRISE SUPPORT TO THE GRADUATES OF  
THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA),  
PROVIDING STARTUP CAPITAL, TAX INCENTIVES, STREAMLINED REGISTRATION,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Technical and vocational education equips individuals with practical, industry-relevant skills essential for national development. However, many skilled graduates struggle to secure formal employment or lack the initial capital and resources required to start their own businesses.

This bill addresses this gap by empowering TESDA National Certificate (NC) holders to transition from job-seekers into job-creators. By providing essential microenterprise support, including seed capital, temporary tax relief, expedited registration, and targeted business mentorship, the measure lowers the barrier to entry for prospective entrepreneurs.

Facilitating the establishment of local microenterprises drives community-level economic growth, fosters self-reliance, and generates sustainable employment.

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 “**Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Graduates Microenterprise Act**”.

**Section 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – It is the policy of the State to promote self-reliance and entrepreneurship among the youth and skilled workers. By providing technical-vocational graduates with the necessary tools and incentives, the State aims to transform the technical-vocational graduates from job-seekers into job-creators, thereby stimulating local economies.

**Section 3. *Eligibility to the Microenterprise Grant.*** – Any Filipino citizen who has successfully completed a National Certificate (NC) program from a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) - accredited institution and has been issued the corresponding certification is eligible for the benefits under this Act, provided they intend to establish a microenterprise directly related to their field or certification.

**Section 4. *Establishment of Grants.*** – All eligible graduates shall be entitled to the following:

- a. ***Starter Kit Grant.*** All eligible graduates shall be entitled to a Starter Kit Grant worth ten thousand pesos (₱10,000.00), which may be provided in the form of actual tools/equipment, raw materials, or a voucher system specifically for business inventory.

- b. ***One-Year Tax Holiday.*** Qualified graduates establishing a microenterprise shall be exempt from all national internal revenue taxes for a period of one (1) year from the date of business registration. This includes exemption from income tax arising from the operations of the microenterprise.
- c. ***Automatic and Expedited Registration.*** To encourage formalization, the following "Green Lane" procedures shall be established:
  - i. ***One-Stop Shop for TESDA Graduates' Microenterprise.*** TESDA, in coordination with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Local Government Units (LGUs), shall provide a streamlined registration process.
  - ii. ***Waived Registration Fees.*** All initial registration fees for the Mayor's Permit, DTI Business Name Registration, and Barangay Clearance shall be waived for the first year.
- d. ***Support and Mentorship.*** The DTI, through its *Negosyo Centers*, shall provide mandatory basic entrepreneurship training to grantees, covering:
  - i. Basic Bookkeeping and Financial Literacy
  - ii. Marketing and Digital Presence
  - iii. Supply Chain Management

**Section 5. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary to cover the initial implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA) of TESDA and DTI. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

**Section 6. Separability Clause.** – If any 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 7. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 8. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*