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Introduced By Representative Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

As part of the constitutional guarantee to protect the rights of every Filipino, it is the policy of the state to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

The need to sustain the provision of the required competence to the labor population, to make them more employable and to enhance their productivity levels remains a focal challenge to local development.

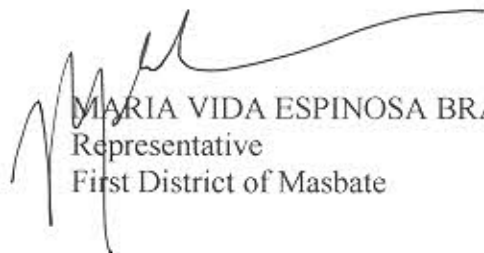
The dynamics that exists among key players in human resource development have to be complemented with initiatives that shall have concrete impact on the poverty situation, among which is the development of employable skills among the marginalized sectors of the community thru the provision of accessible, quality and affordable technical vocational education and training in order to increase income and productivity.

The existing poverty situation in the island of Ticao is primarily due to low productivity of its human resources due to limited employment opportunities. This is compounded by the problem of geographical isolation especially during typhoon months when students could hardly cross from the Ticao island to mainland Masbate where most of the technical vocation training providers are located.

Our migration among the youth and other members of the labor force is high but with no significant impact on the local economy since most of the outbound workers for possible employment in the urban centers lack the required skills in the domestic labor market. Hence, employability and productivity remain an issue.

Despite the presence of one (1) private higher education institution and other technical vocational education and training providers in the island, still many cannot afford to pursue post-secondary training due to limited financial capacity of most families. Thus, the establishment of one public training provider will in a way provide access and opportunities for high school graduates and other marginalized members of the labor force for post-secondary education and training thereby improving their chance to improve their incomes.

It is in this context that this Representation is proposing the establishment of an extension campus of Milagros School of Fisheries now being renamed as Masbate Institute of Fisheries and Technology in the Island of Ticao to be funded by the National Government..



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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE MASBATE INSTITUTE OF FISHERIES AND TECHNOLOGY-TICAO ISLAND CAMPUS IN THE ISLAND OF TICAO, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. Short Title – This Act shall be known as Masbate Institute of Fisheries and Technology-Ticao Island Campus.

SECTION 2. Statement of Policy – It is the policy of the State to protect the rights of every Filipino, promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

SECTION 3. Objectives. – There shall be established under the supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Masbate Institute of Fisheries and Technology-Ticao Island, Province of Masbate:

- a) To establish a government run training center in Ticao Island;
- b) To provide better opportunities for the out of school youths and high school graduates to pursue post-secondary education and training;
- c) To enhance access of greater number of labor population to livelihood skills and other technical vocational trainings; and
- d) To produce multi-skilled and competent workers to support the demand in the domestic and international labor market;

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SECTION 4. Description. - The proposed extension campus of the Masbate Institute of Fisheries and Technology in Ticao island shall provide relevant quality and affordable technical vocational education and training to the out of school youths, high school graduates, underemployed adults and other workers in the informal sector. The training programs to be offered shall be aligned with the key employment generators as identified by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE). And shall be responsive to the requirements of the local, domestic and international labor market.

SECTION 5. Budgetary Requirements - The amount of Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000.00) shall be appropriated to include the procurement of lot, the construction of building and the procurement of required training tools and equipment. This shall include the operating expenses of the initial year of operations while its yearly maintenance and operating expenses shall be charged to the appropriations of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) intended for regional manpower development operations under the current appropriations and otherwise appropriated funds in the National Treasury. Thereafter, the sum necessary for the purpose shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law.

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,