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First District, Bohol

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Bohol is a celebrated tourism destination and a fast-emerging economic hub in the Visayas region. With the continuous improvement in transportation, through the development of ports and airports, international and local labor markets are starting to become seamless. The only way to be at par with the changing times is to upgrade the skills of our greatest asset: the constituency.

The training that the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) provides is a very valuable channel in improving the skills of the Boholanos. Seen to directly benefit are the low-income families, out-of-school youths as well as those who want to upgrade their skills.

An additional TESDA training and accreditation center in the first district of the province will go a long way in ensuring the competitiveness of the Boholanos in catering to the skills requirements of the province as a tourism and business hub but will also ensure their competitiveness in the international labor arena.

Loon is a second-class municipality in the first district of the province boasting of 47 barangays. It also hosts a port that is being poised as an international cruise ship port. A TESDA training and accreditation center there will serve a great number of constituencies in Loon as well as in adjacent communities.

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


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“AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL
EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA)
TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

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 “Loon TESDA Training and Accreditation Center Act.”

SECTION 2. Establishment. – There is hereby established a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training and Accreditation Center in the Municipality of Loon in the Province of Bohol under the supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority to be known as the “Balilihan TESDA Training and Accreditation Center”.

SECTION 3. General Mandate. – The Loon TESDA Training Center shall primarily provide technical-vocational training and skills development program to students from low-income families and out-of-school youth in the Municipality of Loon and adjacent municipalities in the Province of Bohol. It shall also play a pivotal role in helping the students become productive, self-reliant and to develop into middle-level skilled labor force so as to hasten the social and economic development of Bohol as well as meet the needs of both local and international labor markets.

The Loon TESDA Training Center shall also serve as the assessment center for acquired competencies in technical-vocational skills in the whole Province of Bohol. Further, as deemed necessary and practicable, in coordination with the Department of Education, it shall render relevant teacher's training assistance and curriculum design to the junior and senior high schools offering technical vocational education under the K-12 Program of the DepEd.

SECTION 4. Curriculum Offerings. – The Loon TESDA Training and Accreditation Center shall offer short-term courses in preferred market-driven and relevant technical vocational courses within its areas of specialization in consultation with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and such other relevant agencies, both local and international.

SECTION 5. Training Center Site. – The Loon Training and Accreditation Center shall be established in the Municipality of Loon, Province of Bohol, a location highly accessible pursuant to the purposes of this Act and to the mutual agreement between the TESDA and the local government unit (LGU) concerned.

SECTION 6. Administration. – The Loon Training and Accreditation Center shall be headed by a Technical Vocational Administrator under the supervision of the TESDA. The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall be appointed by the TESDA Director-General in accordance with civil service rules and regulations as well as the qualification requirements of TESDA.

The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall render full-time services and shall be responsible for the administration and operation of the Loon TESDA Training and Accreditation Center. The duties and responsibilities of the Technical-Vocational Administrator, including the appropriate compensation schedule, shall follow the position qualification standard of TESDA for such office, in consultation with the DBM.

As necessary and practicable, and subject to approval by the TESDA Director general, the Technical-Vocational Administrator shall enter into mutual agreements with local-based counterpart agencies or instrumentalities and persons, both private and government, for such assistance as may be necessary to effectively implement this Act.

The academic and administrative staff of the Loon TESDA Training and Accreditation Center shall be organized following the staffing pattern of the TESDA for such type of center pursuant to existing laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 7. Appropriations. The amount needed to initially implement the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of TESDA and the Loon LGU. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the continued operation of the Center shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. TESDA, in coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the concerned LGU, and such other relevant agencies shall, within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, memoranda, rules and regulations contrary or inaccurate with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,