HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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AN ACT ALLOWING HOME ECONOMICS GRADUATES TO TEACH **ECONOMICS** HOME **SUBJECTS** AND **HOME** ECONOMICS-RELATED TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, RESPECTIVELY. CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10533 OR THE ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION ACT OF 2013

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

SECTION 1. It is the policy of the State, as enshrined in the "Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013", to allow graduates and specialists on specific fields that have limited licensed teacher applicants to teach in their specialized subjects for the basic education levels. The State recognizes the invaluable contribution that Filipino professionals and specialists, particularly degree holders of Home Economics, can make to the realization of a literate, skilled and productive citizenry.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding the requirements set by the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC), competent

Home Economics graduates, as well as allied academic areas, shall be allowed to teach home economics subjects and home economics-related technical-vocational subjects in all public and private elementary and secondary educational institutions, respectively, and other duly recognized academic institutions. To this end, the DepEd and the CSC, in consultation with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), shall jointly formulate the appropriate standards and guidelines, to include academic requirements and competencies to assess the qualifications of Home Economics for the technical-vocational subjects.

Graduates of Home Economics shall be required to obtain a National Certificate Level 1 (NC1) and National Certificate Level 2 (NC2) from the TESDA before they can teach technical-vocational subjects in secondary educational institutions.

- SEC. 3. Graduates of Home Economics shall be required to take the Licensure Examination for Teacher (LET) within five (5) years from the date of hiring. However, graduates who are willing to teach on part-time basis shall not be required to take the LET.
- SEC. 4. Home Economics as a profession shall be represented in the Teacher Education Council (TEC).
- SEC. 5. Within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, the DepEd Secretary, in consultation with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Chairperson, the TESDA Director-General and the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Chairperson, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.
- SEC. 6. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations and/or administrative regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified, superseded or repealed accordingly.
- SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,