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HOUSE BILL NO. 3147



**Introduced by Representative Roman T. Romulo
Lone District of Pasig City**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks for the creation of the Barangay Skilled Workers Registry which shall serve as a repository of skilled workers' information. The Barangay Skilled Workers Registry contains important information of skilled workers such as their names, addresses, contact information and if they are holders of professional certifications like the TESDA National Certificate among others. This is voluntary on the part of the skilled worker, whether or not, he or she chooses to register with the barangay. The said registry shall be readily available to provide information to the different household and/or non-household consumers within a barangay who may be in need of services of skilled workers.

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**AN ACT MANDATING ALL BARANGAYS TO CREATE A REGISTRY OF SKILLED
WORKERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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 Barangay Skilled Workers Registry Act."

SEC. 2. *Definition of Terms.* - As used in this Act, the term –

- (a) *Barangay* refers to the smallest political unit into which cities and municipalities in the Philippines are divided created in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code of the Philippines.
- (b) *Skilled workers* refers to persons who regularly perform jobs that caters to household needs which usually involve the use of physical strength or skills such as but not limited to plumbers, carpenters, electricians, etc. The skilled workers referred hereunto shall in no case be limited to holders of TESDA National Certificates.
- (c) *Barangay skilled workers registry* refers to the database of all skilled workers who have registered their information and qualifications as required by this Act at the barangays where they wish to make their services readily available.

SEC. 3. *The Barangay Skilled Workers Registry* – Every barangay shall create and make publicly available a registry that will serve as a database for all skilled workers who voluntarily register and are willing to make their services available in the locality. These skilled workers need to be residents of the barangay concerned. In addition, the barangay shall be responsible for disseminating information on how skilled workers may include their details on the said registry.

SEC. 4. *Contents of the Registry.* – All skilled workers who want to have their names included in the skilled workers registry shall provide the following details or information to be disclosed and made readily available to the public.

- (a) Name of the skilled worker;
- (b) Address;
- (c) Contact details;
- (d) Skills and/or nature of jobs or services offered;
- (e) TESDA National Certificate number and expiration date, if any or any other seminars or trainings attended relevant to the service/s offered;
- (f) Photocopy of at least two (2) government issued IDs; and
- (g) Any other details which the Barangay deems necessary.

SEC. 5. *Access to the Registry.* – The barangay shall make the registry available to the public by posting a copy at the barangay's bulletin board and/or at a conspicuous place within the barangay hall. The same database may also be accessed by the public online should the barangay have their own website.

Any person may obtain or request a copy of the database in part or in whole by submitting a request in the form prescribed by the barangay. The barangay officer or employee having custody over the registry shall act on the request immediately upon receipt of the same.

SEC. 6. *Prohibition on Collection of Registration Fees.* – Any skilled worker may request the barangay to include his or her name and corresponding details in the registry free of charge. The barangay is prohibited from collecting any fees similar to or would partake in the nature of registration fees. However, constituents who request for a copy of the database may be charged a reasonable fee that would cover the actual cost of printing or photocopying of the information requested.

If the barangay decides to issue an identification card (ID) pertaining to the skilled worker and the latter agrees to avail of one, the barangay may collect a reasonable fee that would cover the actual cost of the production of the ID. The ID may only contain the pertinent information about the skilled workers such as his or her ID photo, name, address, contact details, skill and/or nature of jobs or services offered and TESDA National Certificate number and expiration date, if any. The same shall be in a nature of a government-issued ID. The barangay or any other person is prohibited from including logos, slogans and photos that would partake of a political nature.

SEC. 7. *Annual Updating of the Registry.* – The barangay shall update the skilled workers register at the beginning of every year. This is without prejudice to the right of skilled workers to request the barangay to immediately update his or her details should there be any significant changes in any of the information enumerated under Section 4 of the Act.

SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act or any part thereof be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.

SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,