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BY REPRESENTATIVES MATUGAS, GO (M.) AND YAP (E.), PER
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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION
AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA)
TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF DAPA, SIARGAO ISLAND, PROVINCE
OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
SIARGAO, SURIGAO DEL NORTE TESDA TRAINING
AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, 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
“Siargao, Surigao del Norte TESDA Training and Assessment
Center Act”.

SEC. 2. *Establishment.* – There is hereby established a
Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)
Training and Assessment Center in the Municipality of Dapa,
Siargao Island, Province of Surigao del Norte, under the supervision
of the TESDA, to be known as the Siargao, Surigao del Norte
TESDA Training and Assessment Center. It shall be established in
a highly accessible location in the Municipality of Dapa, Siargao

Island, Province of Surigao del Norte, pursuant to the purposes of
this Act and to the mutual agreement of the TESDA and the
concerned local government units (LGUs).

SEC. 3. *General Mandate.* – The Siargao, Surigao del Norte
TESDA Training and Assessment Center, hereinafter referred to as
the Center, shall primarily provide technical-vocational education
and training (TVET) programs to students, local residents from
low-income families, and out-of-school youths, including persons
with disabilities and indigenous peoples, in the Municipality of
Dapa, Siargao Island and neighboring localities in the Province of
Surigao del Norte, to help them become productive, self-reliant and
globally competitive labor assets.

The Center shall provide effective employment interventions
through training programs on relevant skills trade competencies,
craftsmanship, and entrepreneurship activities needed to deliver
the effective employment interventions that will help hasten the
development of the host area and adjacent localities in the Province
of Surigao del Norte into human resource and productivity hubs.

The Center shall serve as TESDA-accredited Assessment
Center for acquired competencies in TVET programs in Siargao
Island, and adjacent localities in the Province of Surigao del Norte.
It shall also provide teachers' training and curriculum design
assistance to the secondary schools offering the technical-vocational
livelihood track under the K to 12 Program, in coordination with the
Department of Education and the TESDA.

SEC. 4. *Training Programs.* – The Center shall offer
short-term certificate courses and modular trainings in preferred
technical-vocational skills and trades specialization. To this end, the

1 Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of
2 Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Science and Technology
3 (DOST), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of the
4 Interior and Local Government (DILG), National Economic and
5 Development Authority (NEDA), business-industry partners, and
6 other relevant agencies and instrumentalities, both local and
7 international, shall provide the necessary assistance to enable the
8 Center to develop skilled manpower to achieve a robust inclusive
9 economy in the host area and its adjacent localities.

10 The Center may establish research and technology hubs,
11 technology development farms, satellite or extension training
12 centers, and promote mobile training programs to strengthen
13 linkages among the industry partners, the academe, and the Center
14 geared towards the acquisition of practical livelihood, employable
15 skills, gainful employment, and entrepreneurship in priority areas
16 in Siargao Island, and adjacent localities in the Province of Surigao
17 del Norte.

18 The Center shall offer the following TVET programs with
19 competencies assessment leading to National Certification Levels
20 I-III:

21 (a) Skills training in industrial technology and hard trades
22 such as metal and steelwork, machine fabrication and operation,
23 heavy equipment operation, automotive mechanic, refrigeration and
24 air conditioning, electronics, and operation of power tools and
25 equipment for both medium skills grade and industrial purposes;

26 (b) Agriculture and aquaculture-related trainings and skills
27 development in such areas as farming technology, fishing operations
28 technology, backyard farming and home-based aquaculture and

1 propagation innovations, mechanized farm, fishing tools and
2 equipment operation, agribusiness, agri-aqua trade technology and
3 innovations, and relevant farmers and fisherfolk's trainings for
4 increased productivity and entrepreneurship;

5 (c) Livelihood skills development courses for preferred skills
6 employment and small-scale entrepreneurship, including practical
7 skills education in arts and crafts, workmanship and design,
8 high-speed sewing, dressmaking and tailoring, horticulture,
9 livestock raising and breeding, food processing technology, home
10 technology, culinary arts and commercial cooking, cosmetology, and
11 health and wellness training;

12 (d) Basic business literacy training in financial management,
13 marketing, practical accountancy, bookkeeping, office procedures,
14 business processes and application procedures including
15 registration, licensing, documentation, business patent and
16 intellectual property regulation, business financing and investment
17 opportunities sourcing, import-export accreditation, online
18 home-based business operation, and use of social media business
19 marketing;

20 (e) Technical-vocational occupation and trades skills such as
21 carpentry, masonry, plumbing, welding, practical electricity and
22 installation, automotive servicing, electronics servicing, personal
23 computer servicing, and such other relevant practical skills courses;

24 (f) Computer literacy and information technology-related
25 skills, digital technology, web design, animation, photoshop/online
26 photography, computer design, and advertising;

1 (g) Social communication skills and language proficiency
2 courses in English and other languages for business process
3 outsourcing employment and overseas job placement;

4 (h) Seminars on personality development, career counseling,
5 job placement, and work ethic and values; and

6 (i) Other preferred skills and trades training that may be
7 needed by the people of Siargao Island, and of the other localities
8 in the Province of Surigao del Norte to enhance their capacities
9 for practical livelihood, gainful employment, and entrepreneurial
10 activities.

11 SEC. 5. *Compliance with TESDA Requirements.* – The
12 provisions of this Act notwithstanding, the Center shall become
13 operational only upon the determination and certification by the
14 TESDA, through the issuance of a formal recommendation and
15 certificate of compliance, that the Center has satisfactorily complied
16 with the minimum quality standards prescribed by the TESDA
17 governing the following:

18 (a) Standard procedures and guidelines for the establishment
19 and operation of a Center;

20 (b) Operational sustainability of the Center, in terms of
21 licensed faculty-trainers and personnel, equipment, training and
22 laboratory facilities, instructional materials, and other standard
23 requirements of a Center;

24 (c) Sustainable funding source and allocation of the
25 budgetary requirement;

26 (d) Assurance that the training programs offered are fully
27 aligned with the minimum standards of competency-based quality
28 technical-vocational skills technology and the needs of the host area

1 and adjacent communities served within the context of the
2 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Integration and
3 the Philippine Qualifications Framework for TVET; and

4 (e) Compliance with such other TESDA conditionalities and
5 standards, as may be necessary and applicable in establishing a
6 Center.

7 SEC. 6. *Administration.* – The Center shall be headed by a
8 Technical-Vocational Administrator who shall be under the
9 supervision of the TESDA, render full-time service and be
10 responsible for its administration and operation.

11 The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall be appointed by
12 the TESDA Director General in accordance with the rules and
13 regulations of the Civil Service Commission and the qualification
14 requirements for such office.

15 The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall enter into
16 agreements with locally-based private and public counterpart
17 agencies or instrumentalities and persons, subject to the approval of
18 the TESDA Director General, for such assistance as may be
19 necessary to effectively implement this Act.

20 SEC. 7. *Appropriations.* – The TESDA Director General
21 shall include in the Authority's program the operation of the Center,
22 the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
23 Appropriations Act.

24 The LGUs concerned, in consultation with the TESDA, shall
25 set aside from any available local revenue an amount deemed
26 appropriate as annual counterpart fund to support the operation of
27 the Center herein established.

1 SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within
2 ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, the TESDA shall, in
3 coordination with the DOLE, DTI, DOST, DA, Department of
4 Budget and Management, DILG, NEDA, concerned LGUs, and such
5 other relevant agencies and industry-business partners of the host
6 locality, prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations for
7 the effective implementation of this Act.

8 SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any section
9 or provision of this Act shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid,
10 the other sections or provisions thereof shall not be affected and
11 shall remain in force and effect.

12 SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders,
13 decrees, instructions, rules and regulations contrary to or
14 inconsistent with any provision of this Act are repealed or amended
15 accordingly.

16 SEC. 11. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
17 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper
18 of general circulation.

Approved,