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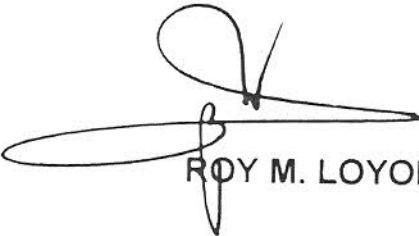
Philippines, hailed as the "Pearl of the Orient Seas", is very rich in natural resources. It is blessed with fertile soil, long coastlines, diverse marine life, and tropical forests which are home to various indigenous plants and wildlife. Its rich environment offers an abundant supply of raw materials for livelihood.

Apart from the abundance of its natural resources, Philippines also has an abundant supply of human resources. With the higher number of Filipinos entering the productive age of 15-64, it has strong workforce that only needs to be given the right opportunities and government support in order to become an income-earning consumers and an asset of the nation.

This bill seeks to establish a livelihood and employment resource center in every city and municipality in the Philippines that will provide trainings, knowledge and technology for the poor and unemployed sector of the community. The Center will focus on the production of goods for domestic consumption and eventually for export which are not ordinarily included in industrial manufacturing. This includes furniture making, handicrafts, ceramics, garments, pottery, ornamental plants or decor making, wood carving, food and agri-business production including aquaculture. With the creation of a livelihood and employment center in every municipality and city, this will open opportunities for residents to engage in productive undertakings and income-generating projects that are sustainable through the support of the government.

Raising the quality of life for all is the ultimate goal of the government. This bill complements the national livelihood programs of the government which aims to solve the growing unemployment problem. Moreover, it will encourage more people to stay in their respective provinces or localities, which will in effect decongest urban areas.

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



ROY M. LOYOLA

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL LIVELIHOOD AND EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE
CENTER IN EVERY CITY AND MUNICIPALITY AND PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established, in every city and municipality, a
2 Livelihood and Employment Resource Center, hereinafter referred to as the Center,
3 complete with facilities and equipment to be organized, managed and operated by
4 the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), in coordination with the local
5 government units and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

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7 **SECTION 2.** The Center shall have the following functions:

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- 9 a. To provide skills training services to develop the individual skills of
10 residents of the municipality for employment and for small scale
11 entrepreneurship;
- 12 b. To provide the necessary knowledge, technology and training that
13 will cover all aspects of livelihood production such as furniture
14 making, handicrafts, ceramics, garments, pottery, furniture,
15 ornamental plants or decor making, wood carving and agri-business
16 production such as poultry, fishery, hog and cattle raising;
- 17 c. To provide livelihood skills development to open opportunities for
18 residents to engage in productive undertakings and income

1 generating projects either through open, sheltered or self-
2 employment, including the deveiopment of practical skills for
3 backyard gardening, home-based aquaculture and livestock raising,
4 basic business management, technical-vocational occupation,
5 among others;

6 d. To provide coordination in extending government's priority support
7 to livelihood and employment;

8 e. To conduct special research relative to livelihood promotion and
9 employment generation, in cooperation with other agencies,
10 whether local, national or international, private or public, and to
11 disseminate the results thereof; and

12 f. To perform such other functions as may be assigned by the
13 Department of Social Welfare and Development and the city or
14 municipal government concerned.
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16 **SECTION 3.** The Center shall be the hub of production of goods for domestic
17 consumption and eventually for export.
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19 **SECTION 4.** The DTI, in coordination with the DSWD, promulgate the
20 necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
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22 **SECTION 5.** The city or municipality concerned shall set aside twenty-five
23 percent (25%) out of the twenty percent (20%) Development Fund to fund the
24 Center; *Provided*, that the sum necessary to meet inadequacies in the
25 aforementioned funding shall be charged to the appropriation of the DTI under the
26 current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the sum necessary for the
27 continuous operation of the Centers shall be included in the annual General
28 Appropriations Act.
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30 **SECTION 6. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
31 regulations and other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act, are
32 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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1 **SECTION 7. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
2 after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,