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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALABAT, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that, "The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all" (Article II, Section 9).

Likewise, the fundamental law provides that "The Congress shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures that protect and enhance the right of all people to human dignity, reduce social, economic and political inequalities..." (Article XIII, Section 1) and that "The promotion of social justice shall include the commitment to create economic opportunities based on freedom and self-reliance" Article XIII, Section 2).

According to the International Labor Organization, "In 2007, the National Statistics Office (NSO) reported that more than 750,000 out of 1.6 million people in Quezon are living below or near the poverty line. The poverty incidence in the province spells the need for assistance that would nurture peace, human security and decent work. Labor could only be the sole asset of this population to support their families and survive the daily costs of living, which could also lead the path towards decent and productive work."

Further it reports that people in Quezon are confronted with social and economic challenges and "they are often forced to accept whatever work is accessible and available." Accordingly, "Increasing their livelihood assets and productivity at the community and local government levels can help in the local economic development and peace building process."

In this light, there is a need to facilitate the provision of adequate social and economic infrastructure services and reduce poverty and unemployment, particularly in the island municipality of Alabat, Quezon, which lacks appropriate training institutions that will enable its residents to become productive partners in community and nation building. With this in mind, this measure seeks to alleviate poverty in the Municipality of Alabat, Quezon through the establishment of a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training and Accreditation Center for its poor residents thereby enabling them to become economically productive and self-reliant.

In view thereof, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), a TESDA Training and Accreditation Center in the Municipality of Alabat, Province of Quezon.

SEC. 2. The TESDA Training and Accreditation Center shall provide technical and vocational training and skills development programs designed to enhance the knowledge, skills, attitude and work values of marginalized individuals in order to better prepare them to engage in gainful employment and entrepreneurship.

SEC. 3. The TESDA Regional Office IV-A, in consultation with the Municipality of Alabat, Quezon, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 4. The TESDA Director-General shall include in its programs the establishment of the TESDA Training and Accreditation Center in the Municipality of Alabat, Province of Quezon, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside from any available local revenue an amount deemed appropriate for its operationalization.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,