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Explanatory Note

This bill seeks to create a Barangay Skilled Workers Registry which shall serve as a database of skilled workers within a Barangay.

For the year 2015, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) states that there are a total of 7.8 million Filipinos who have completed various courses under their Technical Vocational Education and Training Program. The Philippine Technical Vocational Education and Training report for the year 2008-2013 states that highest number of graduates belong to the regions NCR, III, VII and Region IV-A. However to date, there is no existing database of skilled workers locally that consumers/companies may use as reference.

The Barangay Skilled Workers registry will contain contact information, voluntarily submitted by the skilled worker to their respective barangays. The said registry will be used as reference for household and companies who are in need of their services and in turn provide the much needed local employment within a community.

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


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGISTRY OF SKILLED WORKERS IN EVERY BARANGAY

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 Act".

SEC. 2. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act:

(a). *Barangay* refers to the basic political unit which serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs and activities in the community, and as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled;

(b) *Skilled worker* refers to a person who regularly performs jobs that cater to household need which usually involve the use of physical strength or skills, such as plumbers, carpenters, electricians, etc. The skilled worker referred hereto shall, in no case be limited to a holder of Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) National Certificates; and

(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 are actually residing.

SEC. 3. *Barangay Skilled Workers Registry.* – There shall be established in every barangay a publicly accessible workers 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. The

skilled workers must be residents of the barangay concerned. In addition, the barangay shall be responsible for disseminating information on how skilled workers may include their details in the registry.

SEC. 4. *Contents of Registry.* – A skilled worker who desires to be listed in the registry shall provide the following details or information to be disclosed and made readily accessible to the public:

- a. Name;
- b. Address;
- c. Contact Details;
- d. Skills and/or nature of job offered;
- e. TESDA National Certificate number and expiration date, trainings or seminars attended relevant to the service offered, if any;
- f. Photocopy of at least two (2) government-issued identifications cards; and
- g. Other details or information which the barangay may deem 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 at a conspicuous place within the barangay hall, or by posting online on the barangay website, if available.

A person may obtain 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 one's name and corresponding details in the registry free of charge. The barangay is prohibited from collecting any fee similar to or would partake in the nature of registration fees: *Provided*, however, That any resident of the barangay who shall request for a copy of the database may be charged a reasonable fee to cover the actual cost of reproduction of the information requested.

If the barangay decides to issue an identification card pertaining to the skilled worker and the latter agrees to avail of such card, the barangay may collect a reasonable fee to cover the actual cost of its production. The identification card shall contain only pertinent information about the skilled worker such as photograph, name, address, contact details, skills and/or nature of jobs or services offered and TESDA National Certificate number and expiration date, if any. The barangay of any other person is prohibited from including logos, slogans and photographs or any other content that would partake of political nature.

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

SEC.8. *Separability Clause.* – If any section or provision of this Act is held invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and effective.

SEC.9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the 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,