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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

As the country faces the challenges of the emerging global economic order, the evident order of the day is to ensure the competitiveness of Philippine-made products in the international market. Those who are expected to suit up to this task are the local firms – by ensuring production efficiency and maintaining a satisfactory industrial relation between labor and capital.

If such requirement is to be met in the near future much may depend on the status of the labor sector in the economy. Beyond the need of guaranteeing that the burdens and returns are equitably shared by the different sectors of society, it is imperative that the labor sector no longer becomes the sacrificial lamb in the country's drive towards development as it has always been.

One way of assuring that the interest of the labor sector are taken into account in the making of the socio-economic policies and programs at the macro-level is for it to be represented in premier policy making councils of the government, one of which is the National Economic Development Authority Board of the central economic and planning agency of the government.

In view of this, amending the charter of the NEDA will no doubt ensure that the interest of labor are imputed in the policies and programs formulated.

The proposed measure, therefore, seeks to amend Section 1 of Presidential decree No. 107, the law creating the present NEDA, in order to include labor representative(s) in its policy making body.

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

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**AN ACT**  
**REQUIRING LABOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GOVERNING BOARD OF**  
**THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA) AND**  
**AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 1 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE**  
**NO. 107**

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

1       **SECTION 1.** Section of Presidential Decree No. 107 is hereby amended  
2 to read as follows:

3               "Section 1. There is hereby created a National Economic and  
4 Development Authority to be composed of the following:

5       1.     President as Chairman

6       2.     Members who shall hold office at the pleasure of the President:

7             a)     Executive Secretary

8             b)     Director General of the Authority

9             c)     Secretary of Finance

10            d)     Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources

11            e)     Secretary of Trade and Tourism

12            f)     Secretary of Public Works, transportation and  
13               Communications

14            g)     Secretary of Labor

15            h)     Secretary of Education and Culture

- i) Governor of the Bangko Sentral
- j) Commissioner of the Budget
- k) Chairman of the Board of Investments

**LIKEWISE, THE PRESIDENT SHALL ALSO APPOINT THREE MEMBER FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AT LEAST ONE OF WHOM SHALL COME FROM THE LABOR SECTOR.**

The authority may, in the discharge of its duties and functions, call upon any private person or representative of the private sector for such views or advise as may be pertinent to any matter under its consideration.

**SEC. 2. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following publication in the Official gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,