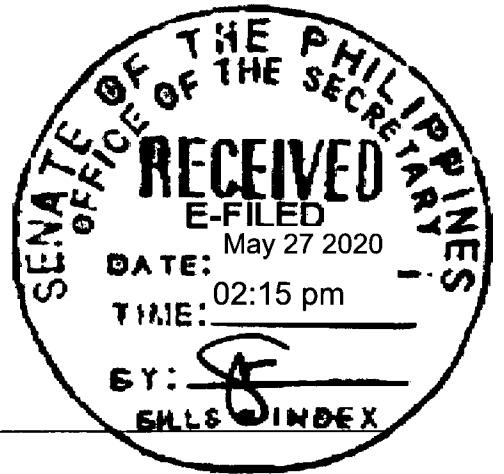


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Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of the Constitution provides that, "*the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.*" The Constitution further mandates that the State "*establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society.*" This would, in turn, promote the national policy to sustain the development of a reservoir of national talents consisting of Filipino scientists, entrepreneurs, professionals, managers, high-level technical manpower and skilled workers and craftsmen in all fields.

The Lone District of Biliran is composed of eight (8) municipalities. The only Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Center is in the Municipality of Cabucgayan the distance of which is inconvenient for those who live far from the Center.

This bill seeks to establish a TESDA Training and Accreditation Center in the Town of Naval. The establishment of a training and assessment center will help develop and enhance the current and upcoming industries of Leyte and promote other technical-vocational programs. Further, this would be a great opportunity for the residents of Leyte to become more self-reliant, productive, and competitive in the skills market.

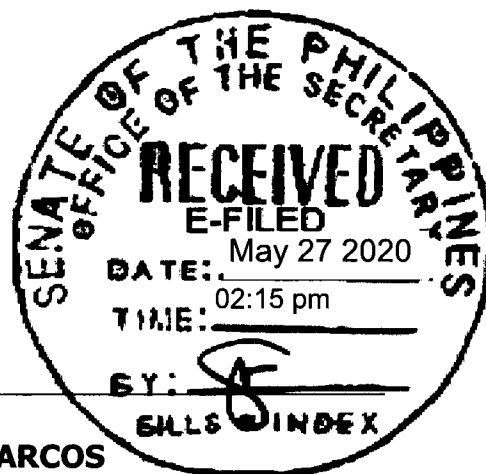
In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

1 Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Naval Technical
2 Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training Center Act.”
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4 Section 2. *Establishment.* – There is hereby established a Technical Education
5 and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in the municipality of Naval, Biliran, to be
6 known as the Naval TESDA Training Center.
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8 Section 3. *General Mandate.* – The Naval TESDA Training Center, hereinafter
9 referred to as the Center, shall primarily provide access to technical-vocational training
10 and skills development programs to students and residents from low-income families
11 and out-of-school youths, including persons with disabilities and indigenous people in
12 the District of Biliran, to help them become self-reliant, productive, and globally
13 competitive labor assets.
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15 The Center shall offer training programs on relevant skills trade competencies,
16 craftsmanship, and entrepreneurship activities needed to deliver the effective and
17 strategic economic interventions that will hasten the development of the host areas
18 and adjacent communities in the district of Biliran into human resource capital and
19 productivity hubs.
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21 The Center shall provide teachers’ training curriculum design assistance to the
22 secondary schools offering the technical-vocational livelihood (TVL) Track under the K
23 to 12 Program in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd) and the
24 TESDA.

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2 Section 4. *Training Programs.* – The Center shall offer short-term certificate
3 courses and modular trainings in preferred technical-vocational skills and trades
4 specialization. To this end, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE),
5 Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Science and Technology
6 (DOST), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Interior and Local
7 Government (DILG), National and Economic Development Authority (NEDA), business-
8 industry partners, and other relevant agencies and instrumentalities, both local and
9 international, shall provide the necessary assistance to enable the Center to develop
10 skilled manpower to achieve a robust and inclusive economy in the host areas and
11 adjacent localities.

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13 Section 5. *Compliance with TESDA Requirements.* – The provisions of this Act
14 notwithstanding, the Center shall become operational only upon determination and
15 declaration of the TESDA, through the issuance of a formal recommendation and
16 certificate of compliance that the Center has individually and satisfactorily complied
17 with the minimum requirements for quality standards prescribed by TESDA.

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19 Section 6. *Administration.* – The Center shall be headed by a Technical
20 Vocational Administrator, under the supervision of the TESDA, who shall render full-
21 time services and be responsible for the administration and operation of the Center.

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23 The Technical-Vocational Administrator of the Center shall be appointed by the
24 TESDA Director General in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Civil
25 Service Commission (CSC) and the qualification requirements for such office.

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

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32 Section 7. *Appropriations.* – The Director General of the TESDA shall include
33 the Authority's program the operation of the Center, the funding of which shall be
34 included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

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36 The LGU concern, in consultation with the TESDA, shall likewise set aside from
37 any available local revenue an amount deemed appropriate as annual counterpart
38 fund to support the operation of the Center herein established.

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40 Section 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days after
41 the approval of this Act, the TESDA shall, in coordination with the DOLE, DTI, DOST,

1 DA, Department of Budget and Management, DILG, NEDA, concerned LGU, and such
2 other relevant agencies and industry-business partners of the host locality shall
3 prepare and issue the necessary regulations for the implementation of this Act.
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5 Section 9. *Separability Clause.* – In the event that any provision of this Act or
6 any portion thereof is declared unconstitutional by a competent court, the other
7 provisions shall not be affected thereby and shall remain valid and enforceable.
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9 Section 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
10 regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed
11 or amended accordingly.
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13 Section 11. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
14 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,