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PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE KAWAYAN TESDA
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of our Constitution guarantees 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.*" Education is a fundamental right of every Filipino.

The Lone District of Biliran is composed of eight (8) municipalities, namely: Almeria, Biliran, Cabucgayan, Caibiran, Culaba, Kawayan, Maripipi and Naval. The only TESDA training center in the province is located in the Municipality of Cabucgayan, which is very far from the Capital City of Naval, which serves as the hub of trade and industry in the province. Additionally, it is burdensome for learners to travel to a far-flung area away from their residents. Aside from extra costs, they also have to sacrifice their time to travel.

This measure seeks to establish the TESDA Training and Assessment Center in the Municipality of Kawayan, Province of Biliran to be known as Kawayan TESDA Training and Assessment Center, which will serve the Municipalities of Maripipi, Kawayan and Culaba. This also intends to equip the people of the Province of Biliran with basic practical knowledge and technical expertise, geared towards a society that is self-reliant and employable.

The speedy passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Kawayan TESDA
2 Training and Assessment Center Act.”

3 **SEC. 2. Establishment.** – There is hereby established a Technical Education
4 and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) training and assessment center in the
5 Municipality of Kawayan, Province of Biliran, under the supervision of the TESDA, to
6 be known as the Kawayan TESDA Training and Assessment Center. It shall be
7 established in a highly accessible location in the Municipality of Kawayan, pursuant to
8 the purposes of this Act and to the agreement between the TESDA and the concerned
9 local government units (LGUs).

10 **SEC. 3. General Mandate.** – The Kawayan TESDA Training and Assessment
11 Center, hereinafter referred to as the Center, shall primarily provide technical-
12 vocational education and training (TVET) programs to students and local residents
13 from low-income families and out-of-school youths, including persons with disabilities
14 and indigenous peoples, in the Municipality of Kawayan, and the neighboring localities
15 in the Province of Biliran, to help them become productive, self-reliant and globally
16 competitive labor assets.

17 The Center shall provide effective employment interventions through training
18 programs on relevant skills trade competencies, craftsmanship, and entrepreneurship
19 activities that will help hasten the development of the host area and the adjacent
20 localities in the Province of Biliran into human resource and productivity hubs.

1 The Center shall serve as TESDA-accredited Assessment Center for acquired
2 competencies in TVET programs in the Municipality of Kawayan and adjacent localities
3 in the Province of Biliran. It shall also provide teachers' training and curriculum design
4 assistance to the secondary schools offering the technical-vocational livelihood track
5 under the K to 12 Program in coordination with the Department of Education and the
6 TESDA.

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

17 The Center may establish research and technology hubs, technology
18 development farms, satellite or extension training centers, and promote mobile
19 training programs to strengthen linkages among the industry partners, the academe,
20 and the Center geared towards the acquisition of practical livelihood, employable skills,
21 gainful employment, and entrepreneurship in priority areas in the Municipality of
22 Kawayan and neighboring localities in the Province of Biliran.

23 The Center shall offer the following TVET programs with competencies
24 assessment leading to National Certification Levels I-III:

25 (a) Skills training in industrial technology and hard trades such as metal and
26 steelwork, machine fabrication and operation, heavy equipment operation, automotive
27 mechanic, refrigeration and air conditioning, electronics, and operation of power tools
28 and equipment for both medium skills grade and industrial purposes;

29 (b) Agriculture and aquaculture-related trainings and skills development in
30 such areas as farming technology, fishing operations technology, backyard farming
31 and home-based aquaculture and propagation innovations, mechanized farm, fishing
32 tools and equipment operation, agribusiness, agri-aqua trade technology and
33 innovations, and relevant farmers and fisherfolk's trainings for increased productivity
34 and entrepreneurship;

35 (c) Livelihood skills development courses for preferred skills employment and
36 small- scale entrepreneurship, including practical skills education in arts and crafts,
37 workmanship and design, high-speed sewing, dressmaking and tailoring, horticulture,
38 livestock raising and breeding, food processing technology, home technology, culinary
39 arts and commercial cooking, cosmetology, and health and wellness training;

40 (d) Basic business literacy training in financial management and marketing,
41 practical accountancy, bookkeeping and office procedures, business processes and

1 application procedures including registration, licensing, documentation, business
2 patent and intellectual property regulation, business financing and investment
3 opportunities sourcing, import-export accreditation, online home-based business
4 operation and use of social media business marketing;

5 (e) Technical-vocational occupation and trades skills such as carpentry,
6 masonry, plumbing, welding, practical electricity and installation, automotive
7 servicing, electronics servicing, personal computer servicing, and such other relevant
8 practical skills courses;

9 (f) Computer literacy and information technology-related skills, digital
10 technology, web design, animation, photoshop/online photography, computer design
11 and advertising;

12 (g) Social communication skills and language proficiency courses in English and
13 other languages for business process outsourcing employment and overseas job
14 placement;

15 (h) Seminars in personality development, career counseling and job placement,
16 and work ethic and values; and

17 (i) Other preferred skills and trades training that may be needed by the people
18 of the Municipality of Kawayan and of the other localities of the Province of Biliran to
19 enhance their capacities for practical livelihood, gainful employment, and
20 entrepreneurial activities.

21 **SEC. 5. Compliance with TESDA Requirements.** – The provisions of this Act
22 notwithstanding, the Center shall become operational only upon the determination
23 and certification by the TESDA, through the issuance of a formal recommendation and
24 certificate of compliance, that the Center has satisfactorily complied with the minimum
25 standards of quality prescribed by TESDA governing the following: (a) standard
26 procedures and guidelines for the establishment and operation of a Center, (b)
27 operational sustainability of the Center in terms of licensed faculty-trainers and
28 personnel, equipment, training and laboratory facilities, instructional materials, and
29 other standard requirements of a Center, (c) sustainable funding source and allocation
30 of the budgetary requirement; (d) full alignment of the training programs offered with
31 the minimum standards of competency-based quality technical-vocational skills
32 technology and the needs of the host area and adjacent communities served within
33 the context of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) integration and the
34 Philippine Qualification Framework for TVET; and e) compliance with such other
35 TESDA conditionalities and standards, as may be necessary and applicable in
36 establishing a Center.

37 **SEC. 6. Administration.** – The Center shall be headed by a Technical-Vocational
38 Administrator who shall be under the supervision of the TESDA, render full-time
39 service, and be responsible for the administration and operation of the Center.

1 The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall be appointed by the TESDA
2 Director General in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Civil Service
3 Commission and the qualification requirements for such office.

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

8 **SEC. 7. Appropriations.** – The Director General of the TESDA shall include in
9 the Authority's program the operation of the Center, the funding of which shall be
10 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

11 The LGUs concerned, in consultation with the TESDA, shall set aside from any
12 available local revenue an amount deemed appropriate as annual counterpart fund to
13 support the operation of the Center herein established.

14 **SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within ninety (90) days after
15 the approval of this Act, the TESDA shall, in coordination with the DOLE, DTI, DOST,
16 DA, Department of Budget and Management, DILG, NEDA, the concerned LGUs, and
17 such other relevant agencies and industry-business partners of the host locality,
18 prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation
19 of this Act.

20 **SEC. 9. Separability Clause.** – If, for any reason, any section of this Act shall
21 be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not
22 be affected and shall remain in force and effect.

23 **SEC. 10. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions,
24 rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are
25 repealed or amended accordingly.

26 **SEC. 11. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
27 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,