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By Representatives Bascug, Plaza, Paduano, Go (M.), Mariano-Hernandez, Co (E.), Quimbo, Mendoza, Libanan, Albano, Delos Santos, Garin, Gonzalez, Palma, Primicias-Agabas, Teves (J.), Alvarez (M.), Alvarez (J.), Aquino, Bautista-Lim, Bernos, Bongalon, Cabredo, Cajayon-Uy, Cari, Co (A.N.), Cua, Cuaresma, Del Mar, Dujali, Fuentebella, Lara, Limkaichong, Loyola, Nava, Salimbangon, Singson (R.V.), Tiangco, Umali, Vargas-Alfonso, Yap (Eric), Yu (D.G.), Zamora (M.C.), Zubiri, Abalos, Almario, Amante, Ang, Atayde, Bosita, Bustos, Chatto, Chungalao, Co-Pilar, Cruz (A.), Cruz (R.), Dagooc, Dimaporo (S.A.), Dionisio, Dy (F.M.C.), Eudela, Fortes, Fresnedi, Garcia (D.), Gardiola, Golez, Gutierrez, Hernandez, Khonghun, Lagon (D.), Lagon (S.), Lazatin, Maceda, Mangaoang, Maniquiz, Matibag, Mercado, Nograles (M.I.), Ouano-Dizon, Panaligan, Pancho, Pleyto, Revilla (R.J.), Rodriguez (E.), Sali, Santos, Tan (J.), Tulfo (J.), Unabia, Vargas, Vergara, Verzosa, Yap (C.), Bulut-Begtang, Dalog, Ferrer (J.M.), Gasataya, Gomez, Marañon, Romulo, Salo, Teves (A.), Villa, Villafuerte (L.R.), Yulo, Zamora (Y.M.) and Dalipe, per Committee Report No. 467

AN ACT

MANDATING THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMS SPECIFICALLY FOR REHABILITATED DRUG DEPENDENTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), in coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), shall institutionalize the provision of technical-vocational education and training (TVET) and livelihood programs designed specifically for rehabilitated drug dependents. The TVET and livelihood programs shall focus on competitive and employable skills that can be acquired and developed by rehabilitated drug dependents to further enhance their ability to find gainful employment and entrepreneurial livelihood opportunities.

The DOLE shall provide incentives to companies which shall employ rehabilitated drug dependents who have undergone the TVET and livelihood programs mandated under this Act.

- SEC. 2. The Director General of TESDA shall immediately include in the Authority's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- SEC. 3. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the TESDA shall, in coordination with the DOLE, formulate the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
- SEC. 4. All laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive orders, letters of instructions, rules or regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- **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,