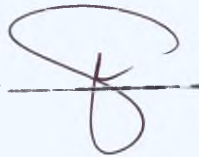


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**FOR REHABILITATED DRUG DEPENDENTS AND APPROPRIATING FUDNS**  
**THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Republic Act No. 9165 otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, as amended, mandates that it is the policy of the State to provide effective mechanism or measures to re-integrate into society individuals who have fallen victims to drug abuse or dangerous drug dependence through sustainable programs of treatment and rehabilitation.

In 2021, almost half of over 1.2 million drug surrenders are now back to their normal lives after undergoing rehabilitation programs. This figure shows that there is life for drug dependents after rehabilitation. This, however, requires a stronger government support in order to ensure that rehabilitated drug dependents will have livelihood and thus will not relapse into drug use and dependence.

The Technical-Vocational Education and Training (TVET) is the education or training process of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) which involves, in addition to general education, the study of technologies and related sciences and acquisition of practical skills relating to occupations in various sectors of economic life and social life, comprises formal and non-formal approaches. TVET program is integrated in the Philippine Education system.

This bill will institutionalize the provision of TVET and livelihood programs designed specifically for rehabilitated drug dependents in order to provide them the ability to find gainful employment and entrepreneurial livelihood opportunities upon completion of their rehabilitation.

Immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

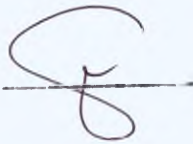


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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1 Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*Technical-Vocational*  
2 *Education and Training for Rehabilitated Drug Dependents Act*”

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* The Technical Education and Skills Development  
4 Authority (TESDA), in coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment  
5 (DOLE), shall institutionalize the provision of technical-vocational education and  
6 training (TVET) and livelihood programs designed specifically for rehabilitated drug  
7 dependents. The TVET and livelihood programs shall focus on competitive and  
8 employable skills that can be acquired and developed by rehabilitated drug  
9 dependents to further enhance their ability to find gainful employment and  
10 entrepreneurial livelihood opportunities.

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

1           Sec. 3. The Director General of TESDA shall immediately include in the  
2 Authority's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be  
3 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

4           Sec. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from  
5 the effectivity of this Act, the TESDA shall, in coordination with the DOLE, formulate  
6 the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

7           Sec. 5. *Separability Clause.* – Any portion or provisions of this Act that may be  
8 declared unconstitutional or invalid and shall not have the effect of nullifying other  
9 portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions or provisions can  
10 still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

11           Sec. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees or issuances,  
12 executive orders, letters of instructions, rules or regulations inconsistent with the  
13 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

14           Sec. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
15 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*