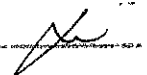


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 40

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development, Local Government and Finance on FEB 26 2008.

Re: Senate Bill No. 2092, prepared by the Committees.

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 1087.

Sponsor: Senator Legarda

Mr. President:

The Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development, Local Government and Finance, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 1087, introduced by Sen. Legarda, entitled:

**“AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A BARANGAY LIVELIHOOD AND SKILLS
TRAINING CENTER IN EVERY RURAL BARANGAY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**


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have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached S.B. No. 2092, prepared by the Committees, entitled:

**“AN ACT
ESTABLISHING LIVELIHOOD AND SKILLS TRAINING CENTERS IN FOURTH,
FIFTH AND SIXTH CLASS MUNICIPALITIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

be approved in substitution of S.B. No. 1087 with Senators Legarda, ^{Aquino III and Enrile} as authors *name*

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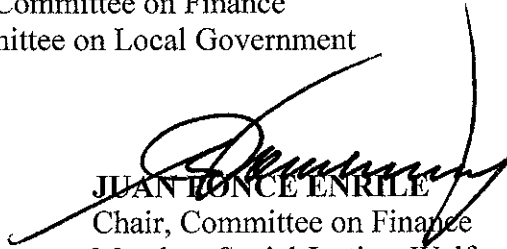
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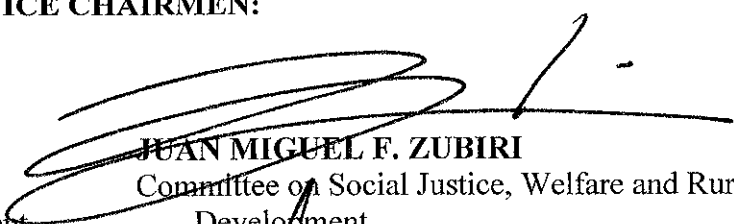
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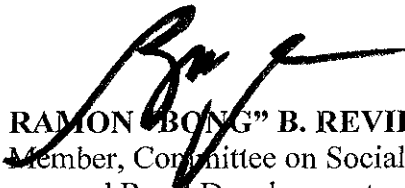
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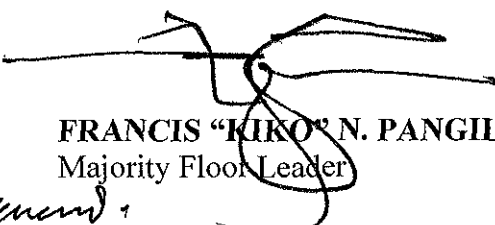
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S.B. No. **2092**

(In substitution of Senate Bill No. 1087)

Prepared jointly by the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Local Government; and Finance, with Senators Legarda, Aquino III and Enrile as authors thereof.

**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING LIVELIHOOD AND SKILLS TRAINING CENTERS IN
FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH CLASS MUNICIPALITIES AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1 SECTION 1. **Title-** This Act shall be known as the "*Barangay Livelihood and Skills*
2 *Training Act of 2008.*"

3 SEC. 2. **Declaration of Policies** - It is hereby declared a policy of the State to:

4 a. give the highest priority to social reform and focus its intervention to poverty
5 alleviation through rural empowerment;

6 b. ensure that national economic development programs will promote the diffusion and
7 more equitable distribution of opportunities, income and wealth across all provinces,
8 cities and municipalities in the country;

9 c. strive to enhance the quality of life for all its citizens, especially the underprivileged,
10 by expanding their capacities for economic productivity and increase their incomes,
11 to enable them to avail of essential goods and services for their own direct benefit;
12 and

13 d. pursue rural development with social inclusion.

14 SEC. 3. **Objectives** - Pursuant to the aforementioned policies, this Act shall have the
15 following objectives:

- 1 a. to promote and support the establishment and maintenance of Livelihood and Skills
2 Training Centers in every fourth, fifth and sixth class municipalities;
- 3 b. to ensure that all livelihood and skills training being offered by the government are
4 properly coordinated and implemented at the municipal and barangay levels;
- 5 c. to ensure that available livelihood and skills training are made available to barangay
6 communities that need the most help from the government;
- 7 d. to ensure that training needs of barangay communities based on local development
8 plans are properly identified and adequately provided; and
- 9 e. to prioritize rural areas with the highest poverty incidence in the provision of
10 programs and services under this Act.

11 **SEC. 4. Establishment of a Livelihood and Skills Training Center.** – A Livelihood
12 and Skills Training Center, hereinafter referred to as the “Center”, shall be established in every
13 fourth, fifth and sixth class municipalities; *Provided*, that other municipalities shall be covered
14 by this Act upon the determination of the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) taking
15 into account the municipality’s population density and demographic status, poverty incidence,
16 income class, level of economic development, employment and productivity levels, abundance of
17 raw materials which have potential for commercial production, and the availability and
18 accessibility of existing livelihood skills training programs and services.

19 **SEC. 5. Powers and Functions of the Center.** - The Centers shall provide educational
20 and instructional activities designed to enhance the knowledge, skills and attitude of intended
21 beneficiaries and to better prepare them to engage in gainful employment and/or
22 entrepreneurship. It shall have the following powers and functions:

- 23 a. Conduct periodic training needs determination and skills mapping of barangays
24 within their jurisdiction; *Provided*, that, the Center shall coordinate closely with the
25 local development councils, local planning offices, and other national and local
26 government offices to determine and orchestrate the livelihood training skills required
27 by the rural barangays concerned;

- 1 b. Gather information and maintain an inventory of all existing livelihood and skills
2 training under the various programs of the government;
- 3 c. Coordinate the provision of livelihood and skills training and institute measures to
4 ensure that such trainings are responsive to the needs of the barangays concerned;
- 5 d. Coordinate and orchestrate the conduct of livelihood and skills training independently
6 or in partnership with national government agencies, private sector or civil society
7 organizations;
- 8 e. Facilitate the development and implementation of capability-building programs and
9 services that will ensure effective skills development and target the most number of
10 people and communities in poor barangays;
- 11 f. Develop its capability to devise and develop training curricula and training designs;
- 12 g. Develop its own capacity as a resource center for livelihood and skills training by
13 developing in-house trainers to provide training services;
- 14 h. Monitor and evaluate the progress of the individuals or groups undergoing training as
15 well as the implementation of training programs and services to ensure that such
16 programs and services are relevant and useful to the needs of the communities; and
- 17 i. Ensure that the Center is networked with government efforts covering other aspects of
18 livelihood development, such as marketing and financing, under the livelihood
19 development system.

20 **SEC. 6. Creation of a Municipal Advisory Board.** - The municipal governments shall
21 be responsible for instituting and maintaining the Center with the assistance of a Municipal
22 Advisory Board to be chaired by the municipal mayor and to be composed of the representatives
23 from the following stakeholders:

- 24 a. Business organizations, chamber of commerce and cooperatives;
- 25 b. Micro, small, and medium-scale enterprises;
- 26 c. Rural bankers;
- 27 d. Civil society organizations; and
- 28 e. People's organizations undertaking livelihood and skills training.

29 The following shall act as *ex-officio* members of the Municipal Advisory Board:

- 1 a. Provincial Officer of the Department of Interior and Local Government;
- 2 b. Provincial Officer of the Department of Agriculture;
- 3 c. Provincial Officer of the Department of Trade and Industry;
- 4 d. Provincial Officer of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority;

5 **SEC. 7. Powers and Functions of the Municipal Advisory Board.** – The Municipal
6 Advisory Board, through the leadership of the municipal mayor, shall provide policy advice and
7 direction to guide the development of plans, programs and activities of the Center. It shall also
8 develop information, education and communication plan to promote the Center.

9 **SEC. 8. Program and Service.** – The Center shall provide livelihood and skills training
10 services that will develop individual and/or collective knowledge, skills and attitudes of residents
11 in communities, for the purpose of enhancing their capability to engage in more productive
12 employment and/or entrepreneurship. This includes, but not limited to, trainings on:

- 13 a. Development of practical skills for home-based, viable income generating projects
14 such as backyard gardening, aqua culture and livestock raising, and other such
15 endeavors that make use of the available resources within the community;
- 16 b. Business development services such as product design and development, marketing,
17 and promotions;
- 18 c. Basic entrepreneurial management, financial literacy, organizational development and
19 other such trainings;
- 20 d. Community participation skills development to promote and advance the barangay
21 residents' awareness and application of community mobilization approaches,
22 cooperative systems and techniques to create livelihood opportunities, and
23 participatory implementation of livelihood programs and projects;
- 24 e. Occupational hazard and safety, labor rights, and values that promote the general
25 welfare, develop people empowerment, self-reliance, and self-help; and
- 26 f. Sustainable development and environment-friendly livelihood technologies.

27 **SEC. 9. Establishment of Satellite and Mobile Training Centers** - The Centers shall
28 establish a Satellite or Mobile Livelihood and Skills Training Center in a barangay or a cluster of
29 barangays where deemed necessary by the municipal mayor to ensure that the skills training to

1 be provided reach the intended beneficiaries; *Provided*, that the Satellite or Mobile Centers shall
2 provide the program and service of a Center as provided for under this Act.

3 Any private person, group, organization or business entity may sponsor the
4 establishment, operation and/or maintenance of a Satellite or Mobile Center in any barangay or
5 cluster of barangays; *Provided*, that the activities, programs and projects of the sponsored
6 Satellite Center are consistent with the objectives of this Act and the priority training needs of
7 the community as identified by the Municipal Livelihood and Skills Training Center.

8 **SEC. 10. Operation and Maintenance of Centers** - The Center and its satellites must be
9 located in an area which is safe and accessible to the residents.

10 a. Maintenance – The municipal government shall ensure that the Centers are supported
11 by appropriate network of organizational support systems and mechanisms, including
12 human resource.

13 b. Supervision – The municipal mayor shall have overall supervision over the programs
14 and services offered by the Centers; *Provided*, that the Municipal Advisory Board
15 shall provide assistance and guidance in organizing, strengthening and sustaining the
16 Centers hereinafter created.

17 c. Personnel – The personnel component of the Center shall depend on the size of the
18 population in the barangays which form part of its service area. The municipal mayor
19 shall appoint a Municipal Training Coordinator (MTC) who shall serve in a full time
20 capacity.

21 The MTC shall oversee the day-to-day operations of the Center. The MTC must
22 be capable of supervising the planning and implementation of services offered by the
23 Center in coordination with other relevant municipal officers, such as, but not limited
24 to, the Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator, Agriculture Officer, and
25 Public Employment Service Officer.

26 The municipal mayor shall determine the number of staff complement and
27 appoint the same who shall assist the MTC in discharging its duties. Additional
28 manpower for the Centers may include the following:

29 i. Officers and members of barangay councils;

1 ii. Volunteers from the private or public sector, including staff of the sangguniang
2 barangay, members of socio-civic organizations, out of school youth or students
3 on vacation; and

4 iii. Students enrolled in practicum courses such as the on-the-job trainees.

5 d. Funding – The municipal government shall allocate five percent (5 %) of the annual
6 Internal Revenue Allotment for the operation and maintenance of the Centers and
7 their Satellite Centers, if any; *Provided*, that the said municipal government can
8 augment the funding for the operation of the Centers from other sources of local
9 revenues.

10 **SEC. 11. Role of National Government** - The National Government shall promote the
11 establishment of the Centers and assist local governments in instituting and maintaining such
12 Centers and in ensuring the effectiveness of the services being provided.

13 The National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) shall adopt guidelines for identifying
14 additional municipalities to be covered under this Act as provided for under Section 4.

15 The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Technical Education
16 and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall jointly develop and implement, within two (2)
17 years from the effectivity of this Act, a program to facilitate the establishment of the Centers in
18 the municipalities covered herein; *Provided*, that the DILG and TESDA shall source from its
19 budget the funding for the implementation of said program; *Provided further*, that the TESDA
20 shall allocate twenty-five percent (25 %) of its annual regional budget for maintenance and other
21 operating budget for supervision, coordination and integration of technical education and skills
22 development programs, projects and related activities, for this purpose.

23 All national government agencies that conduct or render community-based livelihood and
24 skills training shall develop annual training programs specifically for the municipalities covered
25 under this Act; *Provided*, that said agencies shall allocate funding for such programs to be
26 sourced from agency funds; *Provided further*, that the agencies shall coordinate with the Centers
27 for the implementation of such programs and shall submit an annual accomplishment report on
28 the same to the NAPC. The NAPC shall consolidate the submissions of the agencies and submit

1 to Congress a consolidated accomplishment report and recommendations for effective
2 implementation of this Act.

3 SEC. 12. **Donations.** – The Center may receive donations or bequest of property or
4 services which shall be utilized only for the implementation of the program. Such donations or
5 bequests of property shall be covered by the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code
6 (NIRC) exempting such from taxes and other fees and/or procedures.

7 SEC. 13. **Repealing Clause** - Laws or part of laws, executive orders, circulars,
8 regulations and memoranda inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended
9 accordingly.

10 SEC. 14. **Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act shall be held invalid, the
11 remaining provisions shall be given full force and effect as completely as of the provision held
12 invalid had not been included herein.

13 SEC. 15. **Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
14 publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

15 Approved,