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EXPLANATORY NOTE

While there exists an agency tasked to safeguard and promote the welfare of Filipino overseas workers, including the identification of legitimate job opportunities in foreign countries, there is no agency tasked to cover local job opportunities.

There is no agency to serve as a national manpower data bank that can have a ready listing of all available manpower, classified according to their skills, technical or otherwise.

The proposed National Manpower Data and Placement Center shall gather and collate all available data and statistics on the present labor force, both employed and unemployed, and update the same every semester.

The Center can serve the government and the private sector in terms of specific labor supply. It can serve as a national labor pool which may be tapped any time by local companies and the government.

The Center shall provide an efficient inventory and classification of our labor and skills supply for maximum use of manpower. More than this, the Center shall provide the pertinent data needed in studies and formulation of strategies to fight underemployment and unemployment.

Passage of this bill therefore, is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL MANPOWER DATA AND PLACEMENT
CENTER, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. **Policy.** – It is the policy of the government to promote the welfare of all workers in terms of harnessing their talents and skills to the fullest. Government shall endeavor to provide an efficient system in tapping such skills and talents.

SEC. 2. There is hereby established a National Manpower Data and Placement Center under the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) which shall serve as the manpower and skills data bank and placement agency for local employment. The Center shall serve as counterpart of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA).

SEC. 3. The DOLE shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations of this Act.

SEC. 4. It is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any funds of the National Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, a sum to carry out the provisions of this Act. Thereafter, such sum, and any increase thereof, shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. All acts, presidential decrees, and issuance nor consistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in at least two newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.