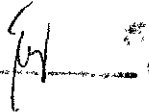


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority or TESDA was created on August 23, 1994 by virtue of RA 7796. It replaced and absorbed the National Manpower and Youth Council (NMYC), the Bureau of Technical and Vocational Education (BTVE) and the personnel and functions pertaining to technical-vocational education in the regional offices of the then Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) and the apprenticeship program of the Bureau of Local Employment of the Department of Labor and Employment.

After more than 10 years in existence, TESDA has failed to develop the technical education and vocational skills requirements that will make our country attractive to foreign investment despite its considerable budget. This is probably due to its wrong priorities brought about by its lack of immersion with local trade and industries.

This bill seeks to remedy this weakness by abolishing TESDA and transferring all its functions to the Department of Trade and Industry.

Hence, the immediate passage of this bill is therefore earnestly urged.

  
JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA  
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AN ACT  
ABOLISHING THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND  
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OR TESDA

*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 or TESDA is hereby abolished. All properties, records, equipment, buildings, facilities, and other assets, liabilities and appropriations of and belonging to the abovementioned office, as well as other matters pending therein, including the special funds it administers, shall be transferred to the Department of Trade and Industry. All personnel of the above abolished office shall continue to function in a holdover capacity and shall be preferentially considered for appointments to or placement in the Department.

Any official or employee separated from the service as a result of the abolition of office pursuant to this Act shall be entitled to appropriate separation pay and retirement and other benefits accruing to them under existing laws. In lieu thereof, at the option of the employee, he shall be preferentially considered for employment in the government or in any of its subdivisions, instrumentalities, or agencies, including government-owned or controlled corporations and their subsidiaries.

The Department of Trade and Industry shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act, and for the incorporation of the functions and activities of TESDA into its organization within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national papers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,