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House Bill No 153

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EDDIEBONG G. PLAZA

Explanatory Note

The intensified campaign against illegal drugs of the previous administration had resulted to the influx of more than 1.2 million drug dependents seeking treatment and reintegration to their communities. As intended, the endgame strategy of the so-called drug war is the implementation of a multi-faceted reinforcement and education-based mechanism. This proposed piece of legislation serves as a complement to the aforesaid program by offering a sustainable and intensive means of rehabilitation of the drug dependents.

This measure proposes to institutionalize trainings and programs through the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) for the benefit of the drug dependents undergoing rehabilitation treatment. This bill is the fulfillment of the State's mandate to provide sufficient support to those afflicted with drug addiction and facilitate their second chance in life.

This legislation was approved by the House of Representatives in the 18th Congress and was duly transmitted to the Senate. This is refiled in the 19th Congress under the same considerations for which it was previously approved.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT MANDATING THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS
DEVELOPMENTAL AUTHORITY TO INSTITUTIONALIZE A TECHNICAL-
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM
DESIGNED 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 provide rehabilitated drug dependents with competitive and employable skills which shall enhance their ability to find gainful employment and livelihood opportunities. The DOLE shall provide incentives to companies which employ rehabilitated drug dependents who have undergone the technical-vocational education and training (TVET) and livelihood programs under this Act.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 3. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the TESDA shall, in coordination with the DOLE, promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.