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BY REPRESENTATIVES ROMULO, PRIMICIAS-AGABAS, ROMAN, AGARAO, REYES AND LAGDAMEO (A.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 932

## AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGISTRY OF SKILLED WORKERS IN EVERY BARANGAY

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Barangay
 Skilled Registry Workers Act".

SEC. 2. Definition of Terms. - As used in this Act:

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4 (a) *Barangay* refers to the basic political unit which serves as the 5 primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, 6 programs, and activities in the community, and as a forum wherein the 7 collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, 8 and where disputes may be amicably settled;

9 (b) Skilled worker refers to a person who regularly performs jobs that 10 cater to household needs which usually involve the use of physical strength or 11 skills, such as plumbers, carpenters, electricians, etc. The skilled worker 12 referred hereto shall, in no case, be limited to a holder of Technical Education 13 and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) National Certificates; and 1 (c) Barangay skilled workers registry refers to the database of all 2 skilled workers who have registered their information and qualifications as 3 required by this Act at the barangays where they are actually residing.

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4 SEC. 3. Barangay Skilled Workers Registry. - There shall be 5 established in every barangay a publicly accessible skilled workers registry 6 that will serve as a database for all skilled workers who voluntarily register 7 and are willing to make their services available in the locality. The skilled 8 workers must be residents of the barangay concerned. In addition, the 9 barangay shall be responsible for disseminating information on how skilled 10 workers may include their details in the registry.

SEC. 4. Contents of the Registry. - A skilled worker who desires to
 be listed in the registry shall provide the following details or information to be
 disclosed and made readily accessible to the public:

- 14 (a) Name;
- 15 (b) Address;
- 16 (c) Contact details;
- 17 (d) Skills and/or nature of job offered;
- (e) TESDA National Certificate number and expiration date, trainings
  or seminars attended relevant to the service offered, if any;
- 20 (f) Photocopy of at least two (2) government-issued identification21 cards; and

(g) Other details or information which the barangay may deemnecessary.

SEC. 5. Access to the Registry. - The barangay shall make the
registry available to the public by posting a copy at the barangay's bulletin
board at a conspicuous place within the barangay hall, or by posting online on
the barangay website, if available.

A person may obtain a copy of the database in part or in whole by
 submitting a request in the form prescribed by the barangay. The barangay
 officer or employee having custody over the registry shall act on the request
 immediately upon receipt of the same.

5 SEC. 6. Prohibition on Collection of Registration Fees. - Any skilled 6 worker may request the barangay to include one's name and corresponding 7 details in the registry free of charge. The barangay is prohibited from 8 collecting any fee similar to or would partake in the nature of registration fees: 9 Provided, however, That any resident of the barangay who shall request for a 10 copy of the database may be charged a reasonable fee to cover the actual cost 11 of reproduction of the information requested.

If the barangay decides to issue an identification card pertaining to the 12 13 skilled worker and the latter agrees to avail of such card, the barangay may collect a reasonable fee to cover the actual cost of its production. 14 The identification card shall contain only the pertinent information about the 15 skilled workers such as photograph, name, address, contact details, skills 16 and/or nature of jobs or services offered and TESDA National Certificate 17 number and expiration date, if any. The barangay or any other person is 18 prohibited from including logos, slogans and photographs or any other content 19 that would partake of a political nature. 20

SEC. 7. Annual Updating of the Registry. - The barangay shall update the skilled workers registry at the beginning of every year. This is without prejudice to the right of the skilled worker to request the barangay to immediately update the details should there be significant changes in any of the information enumerated under Section 4 of this Act.

SEC. 8. Separability Clause. - If any section or provision of this Act
is held invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and
effective.

SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended
 or modified accordingly.

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SEC. 10. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after

5 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation. Approved,