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HOUSE BILL NO. 215

Introduced by:
REP. FRANCISCO JOSE F. MATUGAS II
1st District Surigao del Norte (Siargao Island)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill, which was approved by the Committee on Labor and Employment and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives of the 15th Congress and re-filed *in toto* in the present Congress, seeks to establish the Siargao Manpower Livelihood and Skills Training Center in the Municipality of Dapa, located in the Island of Siargao, Surigao del Norte.

The Municipality of Dapa is considered a transportation hub of Siargao Island since it is where the major port of Siargao is located, serving passengers and tourists to and from Surigao mainland and nearby municipalities. Consequently, it is now becoming the center of commerce in the island as Siargao is now recognized as one of the best surf sites and must-see destinations in the world. However, aside from fishing and agriculture as the basic source of livelihood, island residents have no other means of employment in the island.

The proposed measure seeks to train the residents of the nine (9) municipalities of Siargao and Bucas Grande Islands in entrepreneurship and other forms of trade and industry. In the process, they will also learn about self reliance, commitment and participation in community oriented projects. The measure is in consonance with the national economic development programs designed to equitably distribute opportunities, income and wealth as well as expand productivity and sustain the increase in the production of goods and services that will enhance the quality of life, especially of those belonging to the underprivileged sector.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE SIARGAO MANPOWER LIVELIHOOD AND
SKILLS TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAPA,
SURIGAO DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. **Declaration of Policy.** – It is the policy of the State to provide for a more equitable distribution of opportunities, income and wealth in accordance with national economic development programs. Toward this end, all sectors of the economy shall be given optimum opportunity to develop and expand productivity to increase the amount of goods and services produced for the direct benefit of the people as the key to the enhancement of the quality of life for all, especially the underprivileged.

SEC. 2. **Siargao Livelihood and Skills Training Center.** – The Siargao Manpower Livelihood and Skills Training Center, hereinafter referred to as the "Center," is hereby established

in the Municipality of Dapa, located in the Island of Siargao, Surigao del Norte. The Center shall establish the programs for the nine (9) municipalities of Siargao and Bucas Grande Islands by taking into account the socio-economic profile, literacy, employment conditions and health status of the residents of the said municipalities. The Center shall likewise consider the opportunities available, the presence of support structures and skills craftsmanship training activities. Priority shall be given to the most economically depressed areas with the highest percentage of disadvantaged and needy citizens.

SEC. 3. **Training Programs.** - The Center shall offer the following training programs:

a. Skills training services to develop the individual skills of residents of the nine (9) municipalities for employment and for small scale entrepreneurship;

b. Livelihood skills development to provide opportunities for island residents to engage in productive undertakings and income generating projects including the development of practical skills for backyard-gardening, home-based aqua-culture and livestock raising, basic business management, technical-vocational occupations such as carpentry, masonry, plumbing, automotive servicing, electronics servicing, welding, heavy equipment operation, personal computer (PC) servicing and other similar undertakings;

c) Social communication skills development to enable those with less formal education to better express or communicate their thoughts, ideas and feelings;

d) Self-enhancement skills development, including value inculcation and transformation programs to promote and advance people empowerment, self-reliance, self-help and similar values and enable island residents to discover their strengths and limitations, as well as develop and enrich their self-image;

e) Community participation skills development to promote and advance the island residents' awareness and application of community mobilization approach, systems and techniques to create opportunities, implementation programs and projects that will promote the general welfare and advance the common good of its residents; and

f) Other related skills that may be needed by the nine (9) Municipalities.

SEC. 4. **Sponsorship.** – Any private person, group, organization or business entity may sponsor the establishment, operation, and maintenance of the Center: *Provided*, that the activities, programs and projects initiated by the sponsor shall remain consistent with the objectives of this Act. *Provided further*, that the management and administration of the Center shall remain under the authority of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

SEC. 5. **Donations.** – The Center may receive donations or bequest of property which shall be utilized only for the implementation of the provisions of this Act. Such donation or bequests shall be tax-exempt.

SEC. 6. **Appropriations.** – The initial funding in the amount of at least Thirty Million Pesos (Php30,000,000.00) necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriation of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

SEC. 7. **Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in any two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,