EXPLANATORY NOTE

With Ilocos Sur’s booming economy, strong population growth and rapid industrial and technological advancement, comes a spike in tourism never before experienced by the province.

In order to accommodate this increase in tourist traffic (both international and domestic), Ilocos Sur is undergoing rapid urbanization, which is producing job opportunities in the hospitality industry.

This industry requires skilled workers, in terms of maintaining structures and utility needs. Most of the time learned workers from Manila would have to be flown in, to work on electrical malfunctions on newly developed machineries, or to manage service-oriented businesses to name a few.

In view of these circumstances, this measure seeks to establish a Technical Education Skills and Development Authority Provincial Training Center (TESDA PTC), which will be located within the Municipality of Bantay, Province of Ilocos Sur.

The program will develop and train workers needed in the growing tourist industry in the region. Potential workers which includes Out of School Youth (OYS), unemployed adults, learners who need to upgrade and update their skills, housewives, marginalized groups, distressed OFW’s, and other groups deemed qualified by TESDA.

With this endeavor, there will be a convergence of various industry players who will contribute by generating more opportunities in the growing job market requiring workers with specialized skills. The graduates of this program will serve as the source of manpower needed by these industries and companies.

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5809


AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION SKILLS AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PROVINCIAL TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER (TESDA PTAC) IN BANTAY, ILOCOS SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SEC. 1. There shall be established a Technical Education Skills and Development Authority Provincial Training and Assessment Center under the control of the Technical Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA). The same shall be located in the Municipality of Bantay, Province of Ilocos Sur.

SEC. 2. General Mandate. – The TESDA Training and Assessment Center shall primarily provide technical-vocational training and skills development to Out of School Youths (OYS), unemployed adults, learners who need skills upgrading and/or updating, housewives, marginalized groups, distressed OFWs, and other groups deemed qualified by TESDA. It shall develop the students to become productive citizens of the second, third, and fourth-class districts in the Province of Ilocos Sur.

SEC. 3. Curricular Offerings. – The TESDA PTAC shall address the skills development priorities of the Province of Ilocos Sur and nearby provinces. It shall offer short-term courses in preferred market-driven and relevant technical-vocational courses or qualifications within its areas of specialization in consultation with the Department of Labor and
Employment (DOLE), the Local Government Units (LGUs), and other relevant agencies.

The TESDA PTAC may likewise establish research and development centers, mobile training programs, satellite offices throughout the Province of Ilocos Sur to strengthen linkages between the industry, academe, and the technology programs.

SEC. 4. Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern. - The TESDA PTAC shall adopt the organizational structure and staffing pattern prescribed by TESDA in accordance with the existing guidelines of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

SEC. 5. Appropriations. - The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act for the year following the approval of this Act.

SEC. 6. Separability Clause. - The provisions of this Act are hereby declared separable, and in the event one or more of such provisions or part thereof are declared unconstitutional, such declaration of unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of the other provisions thereof.

SEC. 7. Repealing Clause. - All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations, and/or administrative regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby amended, modified, superseded, or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 8. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.