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HOUSE BILL NO. **10101**



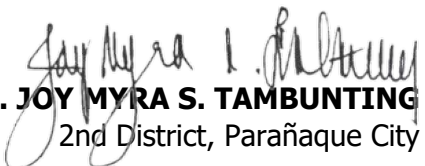
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This legislation's primary objective is to revitalize an inmate's standard life routine through productive work and skills development program. Participation of inmates in mandatory programs to provided by Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and Department of Justice (DOJ) will set as an avenue for them of what life could be when they go out of the correctional facilities. Job support through this bill will make them an independent and self-supporting citizen after serving their imposed sentence.

Let us be reminded that the inmates must be given a renewed spirit with the help of our government. To this end, prison administrators and other competent authorities should offer education, vocational training and work, as well as other forms of assistance that are appropriate and available, including those of a remedial, moral, spiritual, social and health-and-sports based nature. All such programs, activities and services should be delivered in line with the individual treatment of prisoners.¹ Reintegration of inmates back to the society is a work in progress that must be accessible and given to our Filipino inmates.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.


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¹ Rule 4.2 The United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules)

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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM AND PROVIDING JOB
OPPORTUNITIES TO INMATES IN DETENTION FACILITIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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 “Kabuhayan for Offenders through Skills Advancement (KOSA) Act.”

SEC. 2. Establishment of Skills Training Program for Inmates. – The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and Department of Justice (DOJ) shall establish skills training program for all inmates in the Philippines.

In addition, a Job Search and Livelihood Assistance Desk shall be established inside prisons to help ex-offenders create sustainable employment once they are released from prison.

SEC. 3. Appropriations. – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be sourced from the current budgets of TESDA, DepEd, DOLE and DOJ. Thereafter, the funds necessary for the continuous implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the TESDA, DepEd, DOLE and DOJ, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,