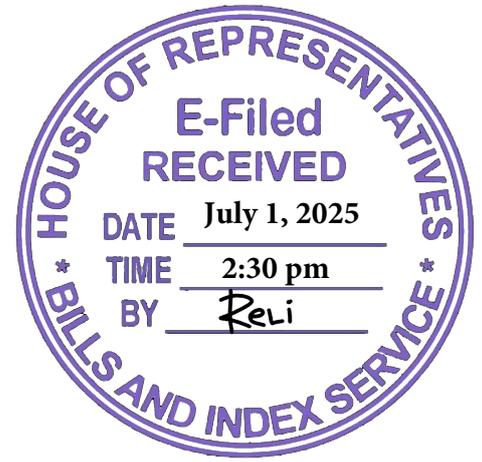




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to address the growing concern for the shortage of linemen in the power utility industry. In the absence of an initiative to put up training institutions specifically to develop linemen, the government needs to intervene through the establishment of a Lineman Training Academy of the Philippines. The Academy shall offer free training to qualified candidates to become skilled power lineman to construct, maintain, and operate the country's power grid. The Academy is also envisioned to play a vital role in providing skills development training to meet the present challenges in the power industry.

By producing more linemen we can be assured that we have available and adequate number of skilled workers to work in the power industry. More so, with the regular trainings conducted per region every year, those lineman graduates who will not be absorbed by the industry or employed locally could venture working in other countries where the same skills are also in demand,

The passage of the bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE LINEMAN TRAINING ACADEMY OF THE
PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS, STRUCTURE,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. **Short Title.** - There shall be established in the Philippines
2 a training institution to be known as the Lineman Training Academy of the
3 Philippines herein called as the “Academy”.

4 SECTION 2. **Declaration of State Policy.** - The State recognizes the
5 significant role of the Linemen Training Academy. Towards this end, it shall:

- 6 a. Create a pool of skilled workers that shall work and serve in the
7 country’s electric power industry;
- 8 b. Address the shortage of lineman, training workers in the electric
9 power distribution utility industry;
- 10 c. Develop skilled and competent workers as an alternative solution to
11 the perennial and nagging employment in the country; and
- 12 d. Train entry-level electrical line workers free of cost. It shall screen
13 and train qualified candidates to be electric power lineman that shall
14 construct, operate and maintain the electric power grid.

1 SECTION 3. **Establishment of the Academy.** – The academy’s main
2 office shall be established in Cebu City. There shall be one (1) satellite office
3 for each region in the Philippines to facilitate the selection process of qualified
4 lineman trainees.

5 SECTION 4. **Composition of the Training Academy.** - The Academy
6 is hereby established and shall be composed of the Academy Training Board
7 and its Secretariat. It shall have the following powers and functions:

- 8 a. The Academy shall be under the direction and supervision of the
9 Director-General of the Technical Education and Skills Development
10 Authority (TESDA), and Electric Cooperatives (ECs). The Academy's
11 Secretariat shall be headed by a Director-General with the
12 assistance of a Deputy Director-General and an appropriate number
13 of Secretariat personnel. Both the Director-General and Deputy
14 Director-General shall be elected by the Lineman Training Academy
15 Board for a fixed term of five (5) years.
- 16 b. The Academy shall have a Training Board to be composed of the
17 following:
- 18 i. Director-General of TESDA – Chairperson;
 - 19 ii. Administrator of NEA – Vice Chairperson;
 - 20 iii. Director-General of the Lineman Training Academy of the
21 Philippines – Member;
 - 22 iv. Three (3) representatives from the Inter-regional Association
23 of Electric Cooperatives, representing Luzon, Visayas, and
24 Mindanao;
 - 25 v. National President of Lineman Training Association of the
26 Philippines; and
 - 27 vi. Representative from the National Transmission Corporation
28 (TransCo) or National Grid Corporation of the Philippines
29 (NGCP).

30 SECTION 5. **Functions of the Director-General.** - As head of the
31 Academy Secretariat, the Director-General shall act as the Chief Executive
32 Officer (CEO) to exercise general supervision and control over its technical
33 and administrative personnel. As such, his duties and responsibilities shall
34 include the following:

- 35 a. Submit, for consideration of the Training Board, the policies and
36 measures, which may be necessary to carry out the objectives of the
37 Academy;
- 38 b. Recommend, coordinate and administer the training programs and
39 projects of the Academy;

- 1 c. Direct and supervise the operations and internal administration of the
2 Academy;
- 3 d. Delegate administrative responsibilities in accordance with the rules
4 and regulations of the Academy;
- 5 e. Submit an annual report to the Training Board, highlighting the
6 activities of the Academy during the year, including its financial
7 operations and status, and a program and budget for the ensuing year;
8 and
- 9 f. Exercise other functions and responsibilities as may be delegated by
10 the Board pursuant to the objectives of this act.

11 SECTION 6. **Lineman Training Board.** - The Training Board shall
12 meet at least twice a year, or as frequently as may be deemed necessary by
13 the Chairperson, in the effective performance of the following functions:

- 14 a. To identify appropriate electrical lineman training programs that shall
15 meet the requirements of the power industry;
- 16 b. To approve appointments of academic and training consultants,
17 lecturers, instructors, and trainers of the Academy;
- 18 c. To approve a standardized training module, which shall define the core
19 competencies, including, but not limited to, basic handling and
20 operation of the equipment such as capacitors, transformers, voltage
21 regulators, potential transformers, current transformers, meters,
22 among others;
- 23 d. To define the mode or criteria to be considered in the selection of
24 trainees;
- 25 e. To elect the Director-General and Deputy Director-General; and
- 26 f. To conduct a regular annual review of the training module, which shall
27 be updated or upgraded as may be required by the exigencies in the
28 power industry.

29 The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Members of the Board of the
30 Academy shall not receive any regular salary. However, they shall receive
31 entitlements to actual allowances prescribed by law, and reimbursement of
32 necessary expenses incurred during or in conjunction with their attendance
33 in the regular meetings or special sessions of the Board, in connection with
34 their official functions, which shall be duly authorized by the Board through
35 a Resolution.

36 SECTION 7. **Training Centers.** - The NEA shall identify one (1) training
37 center for every region in the country, which may be an existing training
38 facility of a Distribution Utility (DU) or Electric Cooperative (EC). Every
39 regional satellite office shall screen and identify fifty (50) trainees every year.

1 SECTION 8. **Compliance with the Salaries and Standardization**
2 **Law.** - The compensation and emoluments of the officials and employees of
3 the Academy shall be in accordance with the Salaries Standardization Law.

4 SECTION 9. **Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to finance the
5 initial implementation of this Act shall be taken from the existing
6 appropriations of the TESDA. Thereafter, such funds as may be necessary for
7 the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
8 General Appropriations Act.

9 SECTION 10. **Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).** - The
10 TESDA shall, together with the NEA and the ECs, and in consultation with
11 the concerned government agencies and stakeholders, promulgate the
12 implementing rules and regulations after its effectivity of this Act. The IRR so
13 adopted shall be published in at least one (1) national newspaper of general
14 circulation.

15 SECTION 11. **Separability Clause.** - If for any reason, any part or
16 section of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional, the other parts or
17 sections of this Act not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

18 SECTION 12. **Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, proclamations,
19 issuances, or ordinances that are contrary to or inconsistent with the
20 provisions of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

21 SECTION 13. **Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
22 days after its publication in the Official Gazette or any newspaper of general
23 circulation.

24 Approved,