

H. No. 5498  
S. No. 2501

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Metro Manila

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[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9422 ]

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE REGULATORY FUNCTIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION (POEA), AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995"

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

SECTION 1. Section 23, paragraph (b.1) of Republic Act No. 8042, otherwise known as the "Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995" is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b.1) Philippine Overseas Employment Administration - The Administration shall regulate private sector participation in the recruitment and overseas placement of workers by setting up a licensing and registration system. It shall also formulate and implement, in coordination with appropriate entities concerned, when necessary, a system for promoting and monitoring the overseas employment of *Filipino workers* taking into consideration their welfare and the domestic manpower requirements.

"In addition to its powers and functions, the administration shall inform migrant workers not only of their rights as workers but also of their rights as human beings, instruct and guide the workers how to assert their rights and provide the available mechanism to redress violation of their rights.

"In the recruitment and placement of workers to service the requirements for trained and competent Filipino workers of foreign governments and their instrumentalities, and such other employers as public interests may require, the administration shall deploy only to countries where the Philippines has concluded bilateral labor agreements or arrangements: *Provided*, That such countries shall guarantee to protect the rights of Filipino migrant workers; and: *Provided, further*, That such countries shall observe and/or comply with the international laws and standards for migrant workers."

SEC. 2. Section 29 of the same law is hereby repealed.

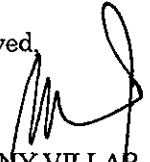
SEC. 3. Section 30 of the same law is also hereby repealed.

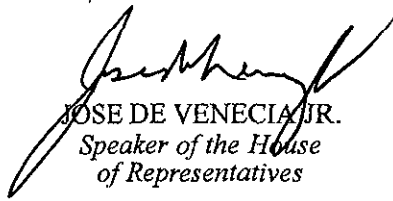
SEC. 4. All laws, orders, issuances, rules or regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. If, for any reason, any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other portions or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.


SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two newspapers of general circulation.

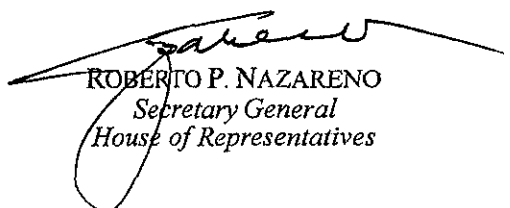
Approved,

  
MANNY VILLAR  
*President of the Senate*


  
JOSE DE VENECIA JR.  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives*

This Act which is a consolidation of House Bill No. 5498 and Senate Bill No. 2501 was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on January 31, 2007.

  
OSCAR G. YABES  
*Secretary of the Senate*

  
ROBERTO P. NAZARENO  
*Secretary General House of Representatives*

Approved: APR 10 2007

  
GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO  
*President of the Philippines*

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