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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:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 23, paragraph (b.1) of Republic Act No. 8042 is  
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3                   “(b.1) Philippine Overseas Employment Administration –  
4           [Subject to deregulation and phase-out as provided under  
5           Sections 29 and 30 herein, t]The Administration shall regulate  
6           private sector participation in the recruitment and overseas  
7           placement of workers by setting up a licensing and registration

1 system. It shall also formulate and implement, in coordination  
2 with appropriate entities concerned, when necessary, a system  
3 for promoting and monitoring the overseas employment of  
4 Filipino workers taking into consideration their welfare and the  
5 domestic manpower requirements.”

6 SEC. 2. Section 29 of the same law is hereby repealed as follows:

7 [SEC. 29. *Comprehensive Deregulation Plan on*  
8 *Recruitment Activities.* – Pursuant to a progressive policy of  
9 deregulation whereby the migration of workers becomes strictly  
10 a matter between the worker and his foreign employer, the  
11 DOLE, within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act, is  
12 hereby mandated to formulate a five-year comprehensive  
13 deregulation plan on recruitment activities taking into account  
14 labor market trends, economic conditions of the country and  
15 emerging circumstances which may affect the welfare of migrant  
16 workers.]

17 SEC. 3. Section 30 of the same law is also hereby repealed as follows:

18 [SEC. 30. *Gradual Phase-out of Regulatory Functions.* –  
19 Within a period of five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act,

1 the DOLE shall phase out the regulatory functions of the POEA  
2 pursuant to the objectives of deregulation.]

3 SEC. 4. The succeeding sections of Republic Act No. 8042 shall be  
4 renumbered accordingly.

5 SEC. 5. All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts  
6 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,  
7 amended or modified accordingly.

8 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
9 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two newspapers of general  
10 circulation.

Approved,

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