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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Deregulation and the eventual phase-out the regulatory functions of the POEA are matters that cannot be enclosed with a fixed time frame but can only be undertaken cautiously and progressively taking into consideration the circumstances and changes in the industry.

The continuing rise of employment intermediaries worldwide, the present State of our economy and the emerging circumstances that affect the welfare of migrant workers tend to impede the progress of deregulation. Factors such as the consistent increase in the number of OFWs, welfare cases and recruitment violations as well as the seeming indifference of host countries to enter into bilateral labor agreement for the protection of OFWs must also be taken into consideration in the formulation of policy on overseas employment.

Approval of this bill is thus, earnestly sought.

  
**MANUEL B. VILLAR, JR.**

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**AN ACT**  
**AMENDING SECTIONS 29 AND 30 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042**  
**OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS**  
**FILIPINO ACT OF 1995**

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

SECTION 1. Section 29 of Republic Act No. 8042 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 29. Comprehensive Deregulation [Plan] on Recruitment Activities. -(Pursuant to a progressive policy of deregulation whereby, the migration of workers becomes strictly a matter between the worker and his foreign employer,) The DOLE [within one (1) year front the effectivity of this Act] is hereby mandated to formulate] UNDERTAKE a [five-year] comprehensive deregulation [plan on] OF recruitment activities taking into account labor market trends, economic conditions of the county and emerging circumstances which stay affect the welfare of migrant workers."

SECTION 2. Section 30 of Republic Act No. 8042 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 30. [Gradual Phase-out] STREAMLINING of regulatory functions- (Within a period of five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act,) The DOLE shall [phase-out] STREAMLINE the regulatory functions of the POEA pursuant to the objectives of deregulation. "

SECTION 3. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*