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S. BILL NO. 1385

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Introduced by SENATOR RALPH G. RECTO

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### Explanatory Note

It cannot be denied that overseas Filipino workers ("OFW") contribute immensely to our economy; thus they certainly play an important role in this nation's road to economic recovery.

This proposal seeks to ensure that the State manages an overseas employment program coherent not only with national development objectives, but also with the ideal of full employment for its citizens.

The enduring increase of employment mediators worldwide, the present state of our country and the rising circumstances that influence the interests of migrant workers tend to delay the development of deregulation. In this regard, there are various factors that should seriously be considered: the consistent increase in the number of our countrymen working overseas, the feminization of the OFW sector, the increase of helpless skills overseas, the persistent problems of illegal recruitment, welfare cases and recruitment violation as well as the apparent indifference of host countries to the idea of entering into bilateral labor agreement for the protection of OFWs.

It is against this backdrop that the prompt approval of this bill is most earnestly sought.

  
RALPH G. RECTO



1 activities taking into account labor market trends, economic conditions of the  
2 country and emerging circumstances which may affect the welfare of migrant  
3 workers.]

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 Section 30 of the same law is hereby repealed.

5 “[SEC. 30. *Gradual Phase-out of Regulatory Functions.* – Within a  
6 period of five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act, the DOLE shall phase-out  
7 the regulatory functions of the POEA pursuant to the objectives of  
8 deregulations.]”

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10 part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,  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

12 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect within fifteen (15) days after  
13 its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general  
14 circulation, whichever comes earlier.

15 Approved,