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**AN ACT**  
**ENHANCING PROTECTION FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS IN THE**  
**CUSTODY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICERS/EMPLOYEES, AMENDING FOR**  
**THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 8042**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Accounts of Migrant Workers especially women being abused in the custody of Philippine government officials abroad continue to shock our senses. Section 2 of the Revised Penal Code ("Code") gives extraterritorial effect to the Code insofar as public officers and employees commit offenses therein in the exercise of their functions.

*Art. 2. Application of its provision.* – Except as provided in the treaties and laws of preferential application, the provisions of this Code shall be enforced not only within the Philippine Archipelago, including its atmosphere, its interior waters and maritime zone, but also outside of its jurisdiction, against those who:

1. Should commit an offense while on a Philippine ship or airship;
2. Should forge or counterfeit any coin or currency of the Philippine Islands or obligations and securities issued by the Government of the Philippine Islands;

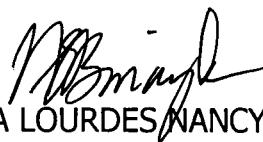
3. Should be liable for acts connected with the introductions into these islands of the obligations and securities mentioned in the presiding number;

4. **While being public officers or employees, should commit an offense in the exercise of their functions;** or

5. Should commit any of the crimes against national security and the law of nations defined in Title One of Book Two of this Code.

There is serious doubt however if the extraterritorial effect given to the Code can sufficiently safeguard Migrant Workers from advances of unscrupulous government officials.

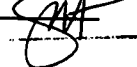
For the above reason, the passage of this Bill is earnestly requested.

  
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Senator

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

1 Section 1. Section 8 of Republic Act 8042 is hereby amended to include a  
2 Section 8-A as follows:

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4 SEC. 8. PROHIBITION ON OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES. – It shall be  
5 unlawful for any official or employee of the Department of Labor and  
6 Employment, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, or the  
7 Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, or the Department of Foreign  
8 Affairs, or other government agencies involved in the implementation of  
9 this Act, or their relatives within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or  
10 affinity, to engage, directly or indirectly, in the business of recruiting  
11 migrant workers as defined in this Act. The penalties shall be imposed  
12 upon them.

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14 SEC. 8-A. OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
15 AND EMPLOYMENT, THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT  
16 ADMINISTRATION, OR THE OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE  
17 ADMINISTRATION, OR THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, OR

1 OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION  
2 OF THIS ACT THAT ARE STATIONED ABROAD COMMITTING THE  
3 FOLLOWING VIOLATIONS OF SPECIAL LAW AGAINST MIGRANT  
4 WORKERS IN THEIR CUSTODY SHALL BE CRIMINALLY PROSECUTED IN  
5 THE PHILIPPINES:

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7 (A) REPUBLIC ACT 7610 OR SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN  
8 AGAINST CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION  
9 ACT

10 (B) REPUBLIC ACT 9262 OR ANTI-VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND  
11 THEIR CHILDREN ACT

12 (C) REPUBLIC ACT 9208 OR THE ANTI-TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS ACT  
13 OF 2003

14 (D) REPUBLIC ACT 9710 OR THE MAGNA CARTA OF WOMEN

15 (E) REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7877 OR THE ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT ACT  
16 OF 1995

17 (F) REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8353 OR THE ANTI-RAPE LAW OF 1997  
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19 Sec. 2. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
20 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,