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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

There has been an alarming upsurge of violence against our women overseas workers. They have often become prone to assault, harassment, rape, and other forms of violence.

These forms of violence against our women overseas employees can be averted by a program that will require our women overseas employees to take lessons on basic self defense techniques. This will allow them not only to be physically prepared for assaults but also help develop the martial arts discipline which will help them achieve their respective visions in life while being gainfully employed abroad.

Immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT MANDATING THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT AGENCY  
(POEA) TO INCLUDE IN ITS PROGRAM FOR OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT THE  
MANDATORY TEACHING OF BASIC SELF-DEFENSE TECHNIQUES FOR WOMEN  
APPLICANTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. The Philippine Overseas Employment Agency (POEA) is hereby mandated to include in its program for overseas employment the mandatory teaching of basic self-defense techniques for women applicants.

SEC. 2. Pursuant to Section 1 hereof, the POEA shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulation to the effective implementation of the provision of this Act. The POEA may collaborate with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and other local, martial arts organizations for the furtherance of this Act.

SEC 3. All laws, presidential decrees, or issuance, executive orders, letters of instruction, rules or regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,