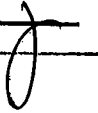


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 390

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Submitted jointly by the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Foreign Relations; and Finance on MAY 24 2018.

Re: Senate Bill No. 1819

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 968.

Sponsor: Senator Villanueva

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Foreign Relations; and Finance to which was referred Senate Bill No. 968, introduced by Senator Joel Villanueva, entitled:

**“AN ACT
ESTABLISHING SOCIAL WELFARE ATTACHES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached Senate Bill No. 1819 entitled:

**“AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE FOR SOCIAL WELFARE ATTACHÉ, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995, AS AMENDED,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill No. 968, with Senators Villanueva and Legarda as authors thereof.

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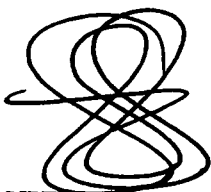
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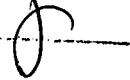
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authors

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE FOR SOCIAL WELFARE
ATTACHÉ, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.
8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MIGRANT WORKERS AND
OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995, AS AMENDED,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

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

3 “(b) The State shall afford full protection to labor, local and overseas, organized
4 and unorganized, and promote full employment and equality of employment
5 opportunities for all. Towards this end, the State shall provide adequate and timely
6 social, economic and legal services to Filipino Migrant Workers, ESPECIALLY SINCE
7 THESE WORKERS ARE VULNERABLE TO EXTREME PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL
8 AND PSYCHOLOGICAL STRESS.”

9 **SEC 2.** A new paragraph (e) is hereby inserted in Section 23 of Republic Act
10 No. 8042, as amended, to read as follows:

11 “(E) DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT – THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT SHALL DEPLOY
13 SOCIAL WELFARE ATTACHÉS TO MANAGE CASES OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO
14 WORKERS NEEDING PSYCHOSOCIAL SERVICES AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS
15 IN DISTRESS, SUCH AS VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING, ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT,
16 SEXUALLY-ABUSED, MALTREATED/MISTREATED OVERSEAS FILIPINOS,
17 ABANDONED/NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE SECTORS IN
18 COORDINATION WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRY TEAM AND PREPARE
19 SOCIAL WELFARE SITUATIONER OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS IN THE POST.”

1 **SEC 3. Interpretation in favor of the welfare of overseas Filipino workers,**
2 **their families and trafficking victims.** - In the interpretation of any provision of this
3 Act or any rules or regulations issued as a result thereof, the interpretation, which is
4 most favorable to ensure the welfare of overseas Filipino workers, their families and
5 trafficking victims shall be controlling. Furthermore, nothing in this Act shall be
6 interpreted to diminish any right or privilege currently being enjoyed or provided to
7 OFWs, their families and victims of trafficking.

8 **SEC 4. Funding.** - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act
9 shall be provided for in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its
10 enactment into law and thereafter.

11 **SEC 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - The Department of Social
12 Welfare and Development, in consultation with the Department of Foreign Affairs,
13 Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Health, Philippine Overseas
14 Employment Administration, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, Commission
15 on Filipino Overseas and other relevant stakeholders, shall formulate and issue the
16 implementing rules and regulations for this Act within sixty (60) days after the effectivity
17 of this Act. The Department of Social Welfare and Development shall also provide the
18 criteria for determining the selection of Diplomatic Posts to which Social Welfare
19 Attaches will be deployed and the minimum qualifications and attributes of the Social
20 Welfare Attachés.

21 **SEC 6. Separability Clause.** - If, for any reason, any section or provision of
22 this bill is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other sections or provisions hereof shall
23 remain in force.

24 **SEC 7. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules,
25 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
26 repealed or modified accordingly.

27 **SEC 8. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen days after publication in a
28 newspaper of general circulation.

29 Approved,