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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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House Bill No. 3022



Introduced by **Rep. HERMILANDO I. MANDANAS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

There are over eight million Filipino overseas workers worldwide. Their employment abroad has tremendous repercussions on our social and economic stability. Gainful employment abroad has eased social pressures in the Philippines stemming from the shortage of jobs. Overseas employment has also contributed immensely to the country's foreign exchange reserves, in the form of remittances from overseas workers. It is estimated that over US \$8 Billion is remitted annually from overseas workers. This has also contributed positively to the local economy in the form of consumption spending.

In order to facilitate submission, processing and compliance with requirements for employment abroad of workers in the Province of Batangas and the nearby provinces of Mindoro Oriental, Mindoro Occidental, Marinduque and Romblon, it is desirable that the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) be required to open and maintain a provincial office in the most accessible place, Batangas City. This will not only lessen traveling and other expenses for foreign job applicants residing in the above provinces, but also contribute to the decongestion of Metro Manila and to the decentralization of the POEA.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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16 **AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT**
17 **OF A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE PHILIPPINE EMPLOYMENT**
18 **ADMINISTRATION IN THE CITY OF BATANGAS,**
19 **PROVINCE OF BATANGAS AND**
20 **APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**
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22 Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the
23 Philippines in Congress assembled:
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25 **SECTION 1.** The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration
26 (POEA) is hereby authorized to establish and maintain a provincial branch office
27 at Batangas City, for purposes of recruitment, evaluation and processing of
28 applicants for overseas employment.
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30 **SECTION 2.** The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this
31 Act shall initially come from the savings of the POEA. Thereafter, such sum as
32 may be necessary for the effective operation and maintenance of said office shall
33 be included in the General Appropriations Act.
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35 **SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.
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37 **APPROVED.**