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House Bill No. 2466

Introduced by **HONORABLE JUAN "JOHNNY" R. REVILLA**

AN ACT
INSTITUTING A SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO
OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS' DEPENDENTS

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the **"OFW Dependents' Social Development and Welfare Assistance Act of 2013."**

SEC. 2. Declaration of State Policy. - Section 12, Article II of the 1987 Constitution states on the Declaration of Principles and State Policies that "The State recognizes the sanctity of family life and shall protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution."

To this end, the State shall take such programs to sustain harmony among the members of the OFWs family and prepare families for future reintegration of the returning overseas worker.

SEC. 3. Establishment of OFW Dependents' Social Development and Welfare Assistance Center.

a) The Overseas Workers and Welfare Administration (OWWA) Administrator shall establish OFW Dependents' Social Development and Welfare Assistance Center (or the "Center") in every region. These Centers are mandated to:

- 1.) Provide social development, welfare and counseling assistance to dependents of the OFW;
- 2.) Prepare a reintegration program for returning overseas worker;
- 3.) To serve as coordinating office to non-government agencies and organizations that extends assistance to OFWs;
- 4.) To serve as an effective link between OFW dependents and various government agencies.

b) The Center shall be established in a location in the region where there is a large concentration of OFW dependents.

SEC. 4. Organization of OFW Dependents' Association – The OWWA shall promote and aid in the establishment of OFW Dependents' Association or support groups in every region. It shall also facilitate for the interaction among members of OFW dependents in the locality.

SEC. 5. Reportorial Requirement – An annual report shall be submitted to the Department of Labor and Employment as to the number of reported cases as well as the type of intervention and assistance that were provided by the Center.

SEC. 6. Funding Requirement – Such sum as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act are hereby appropriated out of the National Treasury.

SEC. 7. Effectivity. - This Act Shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,