



Republic of the Philippines
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
Bangsamoro Government Center, Governor Guttierrez Avenue,
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AN ACT MANDATING ALL LICENSED LOCAL AND FOREIGN RECRUITMENT AGENCIES OPERATING WITHIN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM) TO REGISTER FOR ACCREDITATION AT THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (MOLE)

Parliament Bill No.: 22

Be it enacted by the Bangsamoro Parliament of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao BTA-BARMM:

Section 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as "Recruitment Agency Accreditation Act of 2019".

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is the policy of Bangsamoro Government to promote, protect and ensure the general welfare of the Bangsamoro people particularly the Bangsamoro migrant workers from illegal recruitment, trafficking in person and violation of rights, of any forms. Towards this end, it shall maximize the implementation and enforcement of labor laws to protect and ensure that the rights of Bangsamoro migrant workers shall not be compromised or violated by mandatory accreditation of all licensed Local and Foreign Recruitment and Employment Agencies operating within BARMM to register for accreditation.

Section 3. Mandatory Accreditation of Recruitment Agency. - All licensed Local and Foreign Recruitment and Employment Agencies operating whether main office or branch office within BARMM shall register for accreditation at Ministry of Labor and Employment. For this purpose, a certificate of accreditation shall be issued upon proper compliance hereof.

Section 4. Implementation. - The Ministry of Labor and Employment is mandated to issue policies and guidelines necessary to implement the provision of this Act.

The MOLE shall conduct inspections to ensure compliance hereof and shall issue periodically a list of accredited recruitment agencies to be published in a newspaper of general circulation or in its website.

Within thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this act, only those recruitment agencies who secure a certificate of accreditation in accordance with this Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) shall be allowed to operate in Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

Section 5. Penalties. – (a) Any recruitment agency who violates any provision of this Act shall be punished with a fine of not less than twenty thousand pesos (Php20,000.00) but not more than fifty thousand pesos (Php 50,000.00) and shall not be allowed to operate within BARMM, unless, until they registered for accreditation.

(b) Tampering, alteration and forgery of certificate of accreditation shall be punished with the fine of not less than seventy five thousand pesos (Php 75,000.00) but not more than one hundred fifty thousand pesos (Php 150,000.00), without prejudice to the criminal action that may be filed.

Section 6. Separability Clause. – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or the provision not otherwise affected thereof shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 7. Repealing Clause. – All regional laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulation, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 8. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.



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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Recruitment Agency Accreditation Act of 2019 has been crafted specifically to regulate licensed recruitment agencies operating within Bangsamoro Autonomous Region for the protection of Bangsamoro migrant workers.

Many of our Bangsamoro migrant workers are victims of illegal recruitment, and human trafficking that exploit and abuse their vulnerabilities and assaults their human dignity which cause so many untold sufferings, including their families.

Now, it's about time for the Bangsamoro Government to give protection and ensure that the licensed recruitment agencies are compliant with the rules and regulations of our labor laws.

There is a need for mandatory registration for accreditation of all licensed both local and foreign recruitment agencies operating within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) at the Ministry of Labor and Employment (MOLE) for us to maximize the implementation and enforcement of our labor laws; to protect and ensure that rights of Bangsamoro migrant workers shall not be compromised or violated; and to secure the best possible terms and condition for them.

I appeal to my colleagues to join me in the immediate passage of this bill.

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

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