

Republic of the Philippines QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City 18th City Council

PO2011-114

47th Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP. 2125 S-2012

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A LOCAL REINTEGRATION SECTION FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10022, AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MIGRANT OVERSEAS FILIPINO ACT OF 1995 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Introduced by Councilors RAQUEL S. MALANGEN, EUFEMIO C. LAGUMBAY and JOSEPH P. JUICO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Eden "Candy" A. Medina, Godofredo T. Liban II, Julian ML. Coseteng, Jaime F. Borres, Edcel B. Lagman, Jr., Jessica Castelo Daza, Vincent DG. Belmonte and Ranulfo Z. Ludovica.

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that: "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, x x x and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall, x x x encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities x x x";

WHEREAS, Section 10 of Republic Act No. 10022 provides for the establishment of a National Reintegrated Center for Overseas Filipino Workers (NCRO) created in the Department of Labor and Employment for returning Filipino Migrant workers which shall provide for a mechanism for their reintegration into the Philippine Society, serve as a promotion house for their local employment, and tap their skills and potentials for national development; 47th Regular Session 5 5-2012 Ord.No. SP- 2 2 2 5 ,S-2012 Page -2- PO2011-114

WHEREAS, under the same provision of Republic Act No. 10022, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), the Technology Livelihood Resource Center (TLRC) and other government agencies involved in training and livelihood development shall give priority to returnees who had been employed as domestic helpers and entertainment;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Department Order No. 7, Series of 2000, the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 8759 (The Public Employment Service Act of 1999), the Quezon City Public Employment Service Office (QC-PESO) shall provide reintegration assistance services to returning Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW);

WHEREAS, creating a Local Reintegration Section for Overseas Filipino Workers shall greatly aid the returning migrant workers who are bonafide residents of this City by allowing them to redevelop their skills to be utilized locally.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. A Local Reintegration Section for Overseas Workers is hereby created under the Quezon City Public Employment Services Office (PESO). This Section shall be in coordination with the Quezon City district office of the Technological Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the Overseas Filipino Workers hereinto referred shall be understood to be one who are bonafide residents of this City and is to be engaged, is engaged or has been engaged in a remunerated activity in a state of which he or she is not a citizen or on board a vessel navigating the foreign seas other than a government ship used for military or non-commercial purposes or on an installation located offshore or on the highseas; to be used interchangeably with migrant worker.

SECTION 2. The Section shall provide the following service, but not limited to:

- a. Develop and support programs and projects for livelihood, entrepreneurship, savings, investments and financial literacy for returning Filipino migrant workers and their families in coordination with relevant stakeholders, service providers and international organizations.
- b. Coordinate with appropriate stakeholders, service providers and relevant international organization for the promotion development and the full utilization of Overseas Filipino Worker returnees and their potential.
- c. Institute a computer based information system on returning Filipino migrant workers shall be accessible to all local recruitment agencies and employers, both public and private.
- d. Develop capacity-building programs for returning Overseas Filipino Workers and their families, implementers, service providers and stakeholders.
- e. Conduct research for policy recommendation and program development.

SECTION 3. The Quezon City Public Employment Services Office (QC-PESO) shall promulgate rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. The funds necessary to efficiently curry out the provisions of this Ordinance shall be allocated from the 2012 General Fund Budget of this City and every year thereafter. \searrow

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SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ADOPTED: January 30, 2012.

JOSEPH P. JUICO President Pro-Tempore Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS/S. ALFEROS III City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

APPROVED:

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LEBERT M. BAUTISTA City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on January 30, 2012 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on February 6, 2012.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III

City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III