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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 732



Introduced by HON. FRANCISCO G. DATOL, JR.

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE TO THE JOINT
MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR (JMC) NO. 1 (S. 2019) AND THE DEPARTMENT
ORDER NO. 205 (S. 2019) ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT(DOLE) RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF WORK-RELATED
PERMITS FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS**

WHEREAS, there has been a substantial increase on the numbers of foreign nationals that seeks to work in the country;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Immigration has issued at least 120,000 SWPs for Chinese workers for the last three years while only around 50,000 AEPs were issued by the Department of Labor and Employment, which had caused confusion among the government agencies leading to alleged circumvention of our immigration and labor laws;

WHEREAS, Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 1 (S. 2019) was collectively issued by different government agencies to harmonize the various regulations and guidelines governing the issuance work permits for foreign nationals intending to work in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7 of the said circular, all government agencies issuing work-related permits, visas and authorities shall secure a Certificate of No Objection (CNO) from the DOLE, with the exception of the Authority to Employ Alien being issued by the Department of Justice and the Special Work Permits issued by the Bureau of Immigration;

WHEREAS, the DOLE issued Department Order No. 205 (S. 2019) which has served as a governing policy for the issuance of CNO, a document that certifies that there is no party objecting to the work-related visa;

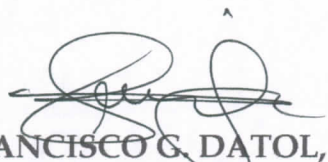
WHEREAS, the Department Order likewise enforced the mandate of the DOLE to conduct labor market test to determine the non-availability of a person in the country who is competent, able and willing to undertake the said employment; thereby protecting the concerns of our the local labor force;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for Congress to examine the implementation and compliance to the Joint Memorandum Circular, and the Department Order issued by the DOLE in

view of its impact on our local labor force, including the availability of job opportunities which is one of the primordial concerns of our government;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives that the Committee on Labor and Employment to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the implementation and compliance to the Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 1 (s. 2019) and the Department Order No. 205 (s. 2019) issued by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) relative to the issuance of work-related permits for foreign nationals.

Adopted,



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