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Increase in the Deployment Age of Domestic Workers

The passage of Republic Act No. 11862, also known as the "Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2022", amended Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9208, otherwise known as the "Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003." The pertinent provision reads:

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(m) To recruit, transport, obtain, transfer, harbor, maintain, offer, hire, provide, receive, or adopt a child for deployment abroad as migrant worker.

Provided, That when the victim is a child means to commit these unlawful acts as enumerated in the first paragraph of this section shall not be necessary: Provided Further, That in the case of overseas domestic work, a 'child' means a person below twenty-four (24) years old. (emphasis and underscoring ours)

Pursuant to the above provision, the existing minimum age for domestic workers, set by POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 14 Series of 2007, is increased from twenty-three (23) years old to twenty-four (24) years old.

This Advisory shall be implemented starting 14 July 2022, along with the taking effect of the subject law, which was published in the Official Gazette on 28 June 2022.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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