

CONTINUING SUSPENSION OF THE REFERRAL DECKING SYSTEM

Read online (full-text search, related cases, audio case brief): <https://batas.org/library/26d3862e5808/>

In response to the plight of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), consistent with public pronouncements by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo during her speech last July 9, 2004, the undersigned held a meeting with His Excellency, Ambassador Mohammed Ameen Wali of the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia where matters of importance were discussed. The meeting was a venue by which the appeal of Filipino applicants on the implementation of the "referral decking system" was stressed by the undersigned. The Honorable Ambassador then expressed Saudi Arabia's concerns on the integrity of medical examinations and other vital documents required for processing applications by OFWs.

From the foregoing, the Department of Health (DOH) hereby reiterates the continuing suspension of Administrative Order No. 5, series of 2001, relative to the "referral decking system". The undated "GAMCA Clinic Assignment Procedures" issued by the Secretariat, GAMCA Philippines is hereby rendered of no force nor effect.

In pursuit of credible, honest, and legitimate documents for processing applications of OFWs, the DOH shall address the issues on falsified documentations in coordination with various Government and non-government agencies.

For guidance and strict compliance.

Adopted: 16 July 2004

(SGD.) MANUEL M. DAYRIT, MD. MSc.

Secretary of Health

ABOUT BATAS.ORG

Study smarter at BATAS.org

The Philippine bar review and law-school companion built around how your brain actually remembers.

The complete Philippine law library - free for everyone.

More than 100,000 Supreme Court decisions, Republic Acts, and executive issuances - full-text searchable, browsable by category and year, and always free. No paywall, no login. This PDF came from it.

Audio case-brief lectures.

Any decision becomes a podcast-style lecture - facts, issues, ruling, and doctrine - with read-along highlighting and a hands-free presentation mode. Study while commuting, working out, or resting your eyes.

Bar review built on the science of memory.

Complete, sequenced courses for all eight bar subjects, narrated like podcasts and reinforced with retrieval practice and spaced review - the study techniques with the strongest evidence behind them.

The full law-school curriculum.

One subscription unlocks the entire J.D. curriculum - every subject, every lesson, with your progress tracked down to the paragraph so you can pick up exactly where you left off, on any device.

Mock exams that tell you where you stand.

Timed multiple-choice exams graded instantly, with per-subject score breakdowns and focus suggestions that point you at your weakest topics first.

A study planner that keeps you on pace.

Set your schedule and BATAS tells you every day whether you are on track for bar day - and exactly which lesson to take next.

Start free at <https://batas.org>

The law library is free forever - and your first lesson is one click away.

The text of this document is an official public record and remains in the public domain. Formatting, presentation, and compilation © 2026 batas.org.

Downloaded free from the batas.org Law Library. Share it freely - the library is free for every law student, bar reviewee, and practitioner.