

## **Press Release**

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Bureau of Working Conditions  
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### **BWC TRUMPETS ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN YEAR END REPORT**

True to its vision of a well-guided employers and workers committed to a safe, healthful, and productive work environment, adaptive to industry trends and developments, and equitably enjoying the gains of joint endeavors, the Bureau of Working Conditions (BWC) continue to render its best possible efforts to achieve this.

Fulfilling its duty to deliver excellent service to the public through the formulation of policies and programs pertaining to the working conditions of workers, the BWC ends 2017 with milestone achievements. BWC's accomplishments for 2017 can be summed up to: improved protection of workers and strengthening of voluntary compliance.

The policies which had issued for the previous year are (1) Department Order No. 169-17 Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 10789 otherwise known as the "Racehorse Jockeys Retirement Act"; (2) Department Order No. 170-17 Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA No. 10911 otherwise known as the "Anti-Age Discrimination in Employment Act"; (3) Department Order No. 174-17 Rules Implementing Article 106 to 109 of the Labor Code, as amended; (4) Department Order No. 178-17 Safety and Health Measures for Workers Who By The Nature of Their Work Have to Stand At Work; (5) Department Order No. 181-17 Guidelines on the Provision of Financial Security in Compliance with the Amendments Implementing Regulations 2.5 And 4.2 and Appendices of Maritime Labour Convention; (6) Department Order No. 182-17 Guidelines Governing the Employment and Working Conditions of Health Personnel in the Private Healthcare Industry; (7) Department Order No. 183-17 Revised Rules on the Administration and Enforcement of Labor Laws Pursuant to Article 128 of the Labor Code, as Renumbered; and (8) Department Order No. 184-17 Safety and Health Measures for Workers Who, By The Nature of Their Work, Have to Spend Long Hours Sitting.

With regard to its enforcement activities, the DOLE Regional Offices have inspected 60,732 establishments translating to 115.9% accomplishment rate. While as of January 19, 2018, the number of regularized workers had totaled 121,370 including the 2016 data. Another 54, 849 workers are in the pipeline for regularization.

The foregoing were just some of the Bureau's many accomplishments. Rest assured that the Bureau will implement with urgency the reforms made by the Administration for the Labor Sector to effect change in improving the lives of the Filipinos.

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