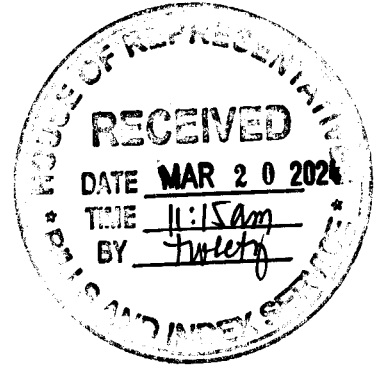


Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS  
Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **10193**



---

Introduced by **HON. LORNA C. SILVERIO**

---

**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING A NURSING HOME FOR THE ABANDONED AND NEGLECTED**  
**SENIOR CITIZENS, ESTABLISHING FOR THIS PURPOSE A NURSING HOME-**  
**LIKE ENVIRONMENT IN EVERY PROVINCE IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Constitution provides integral primacy to the welfare of our senior citizens. Under Article XIII, Section 11, their (senior citizens) protection is assured. It states that "[t]he State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers."

To this addition, Article XV, Section 4 mandates that "[t]he family has the duty to care for its elderly members, but the State may also do so through just programs of social security."

Living in multigenerational households and communities shape perceptions of aging as a responsibility, due to the establishment of family roles, adult engagement in the workforce, and family social ties<sup>1</sup>. However, some of our senior citizens were neglected by their family members mainly attributed to financial constraints. This unfortunate situation has urged this representation to file this measure that will seek to establish a nursing home-like environment in every province that will take good care of them.

Our respect and care for the elderly has made us Filipinos be respected by many countries, especially from western nations. Time after time, we choose to take care of our elders themselves in their homes. Due to limitations, some families are not able to do it. And this is where the government can step in to preserve the strong familial ties of Filipino families.

It is for this reason that the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
**LORNA C. SILVERIO**

---

<sup>1</sup> Valdez, P., Angeles, J. L., Pareja-Corpuz, E., & Hernandez, C. (2013). Perceptions towards aging among selected Filipino adults. *International Journal of Research Studies in Psychology*, 2, 89–96. doi:10.5861/ijrsp.2013.458

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**NINETEENTH CONGRESS  
Second Regular Session**

**House Bill No. 10193**

---

Introduced by **HON. LORNA C. SILVERIO**

---

**AN ACT  
PROVIDING A NURSING HOME FOR THE ABANDONED AND NEGLECTED  
SENIOR CITIZENS, ESTABLISHING FOR THIS PURPOSE A NURSING HOME-  
LIKE ENVIRONMENT IN EVERY PROVINCE IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

**Section 1. Short Title.** This Act shall be known as the “Regional Nursing Home for Neglected and Abandoned Senior Citizens Act.”

**Sec. 2. Policy Statement.** It shall be the policy of the State to ensure that the dignity of every person is valued by promoting full respect to human rights. Towards this end, the elderly citizens must be accorded of the necessary social security by extending them the assistance that will advance their welfare.

**Sec. 3. Definition of Terms.** As used in this Act, the following terms shall mean:

- a. *Abandoned and Neglected Senior Citizen* refers to a senior citizen who has been deserted, permanently or temporarily, by his relatives or persons who have general or legal responsibility over the senior citizen, and/or from whom all basic care has been withdrawn, whether willfully or not.
- b. *Homeless Senior Citizen* refers to a senior who lacks a fixed, regular residence, or whose current residence is unfit for human habitation, or lacks resources to obtain proper housing.
- c. *Nursing Home* refers to a home for the aged, established and maintained under this Act by each province which provides living accommodations, food and clothing, medical and health care, and recreational and social interaction activities for abandoned senior citizens or homeless senior citizens; and,
- d. *Senior Citizen* refers to any resident citizen of the Philippines at least sixty (60) years of age.

**Sec. 4. Establishment of Nursing Homes.** There shall be established in every province, a nursing home to serve neglected and abandoned senior citizens and homeless senior citizens, to be built by the local government units (LGU) concerned and shall be operated and maintained by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in coordination with the LGUs concerned.

**Sec. 5 Functions of Nursing Homes.** The nursing homes shall provide homeless senior citizens or abandoned senior citizens within its territorial jurisdiction an institutionalized residential care programs and services such as but not limited to:

- a. Comfortable living quarters.
- b. Adequate food and clothing.
- c. Medical consultation or treatment.
- d. Health care.
- e. Occupational opportunities.
- f. Recreational and social interaction activities.
- g. Counseling.
- h. Outreach to existing family for reintegration.
- i. Literacy education.
- j. Productivity development; and,
- k. Religious, cultural, and vocational activities.

**Sec. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - The DSWD, in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government, Department of Health, and other civil society organizations advancing the welfare of senior citizens to be identified by the DSWD, shall hereby promulgate the rules and regulations to carry out the provisions this Act not later than ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act.

**Sec. 7. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and every year thereafter.

**Sec. 8. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**Sec. 9. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Sec 10. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) national papers of general circulation.

*Approved,*

