

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7876, February 14, 1995]

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER IN ALL CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Senior Citizens Center Act of the Philippines."

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the declared policy of the State to provide adequate social services and an improved quality of life for all. For this purpose, the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach towards health development giving priority to elderly among others.

SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* -

- a. "Senior citizens," as used in this Act, shall refer to any person who is at least sixty (60) years of age.
- b. "Center," as used in this Act, refers to the place established by this Act with recreational, educational, health and social programs and facilities designed for the full enjoyment and benefit of the senior citizens in the city or municipality.

SEC. 4. *Establishment of Centers.* - There is hereby established a senior citizens center, hereinafter referred to as the Center, in every city and municipality of the Philippines, under the direct supervision of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, hereinafter referred to as the Department, in collaboration with the local government unit concerned.

SEC. 5. *Functions of the Centers.* - The centers are extensions of the fourteen (14) regional offices of the Department. They shall carry out the following functions:

Identify the needs, trainings, and opportunities of senior citizens in the cities and municipalities;

Initiate, develop and implement productive activities and work schemes for senior citizens in order to provide income or otherwise supplement their earnings in the local community;

Promote and maintain linkages with provincial government units and other instrumentalities of government and the city and municipal councils for the elderly and the Federation of Senior Citizens Association of the Philippines and other non-government organizations for the delivery of health care services, facilities,