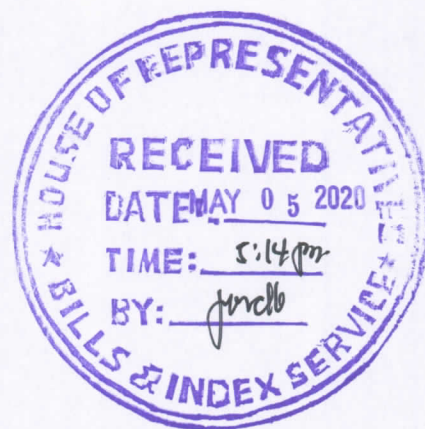


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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**HOUSE BILL No. 6692**



Introduced by  
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**AN ACT**  
**EXTENDING THE GRANT OF SOCIAL AMELIORATION PROGRAM DURING**  
**THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE**  
**AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Bill seeks to continue the grant of Social Amelioration Program (SAP) the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the Department of Agriculture (DA) to provide relief to the individuals and families in areas all over the country affected by the continued implementation of the general community quarantine (GCQ).

Presently, there is a global effort to prevent the spread of the infection of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) wherein some countries adopted stringent measures such as community quarantines and lockdowns.

In the Philippines, it was only on March 16, 2020 when President Rodrigo Roa Duterte declared a state of calamity due to COVID-19. Considering the unpreparedness of the country's health sector due to numerous budget cuts throughout the past and present administrations, the late declaration of a health emergency, despite the on-going health crisis in the other parts of the world, further put the Filipinos at even bigger risk. Worse, with millions of Filipinos living below the family living wage, millions, too, were left with no savings and no source of income when the different levels of community quarantine were implemented.

The Luzon-wide quarantine was initially set to end on April 30, 2020, but it was further extended through Executive Order No. 112, series of 2020 until May 15, 2020, in the form of an enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) and general community quarantine (GCQ).

Based on the recommendations of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease (IAFT-MEID), the following high-risk geographic areas in the Philippines will be under an ECQ:

- a. National Capital Region;
- b. Region III (Central Luzon), except Aurora Province;
- c. Region IV-A (CALABARZON)
- d. Benguet Province;
- e. Pangasinan Province;
- f. Iloilo Province;
- g. Cebu Province;
- h. Bacolod City; and
- i. Davao City.

Meanwhile, other parts of the Philippines not under an ECQ will be put under a GCQ.

The Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine laid down protocols to be observed under the community quarantine such as compliance to minimum health standards set by the Department of Health (DOH), strict home quarantine for any person aged below 21 years old, and 60 years old and above, and skeletal work force on establishments allowed to operate. According to the guidelines, the following establishments are not allowed to operate under the GCQ implementation:

- a. Amusement, gaming and fitness establishments
- b. Category IV industries as defined by the Department of Trade and Industry
- c. Hotels or similar establishment not allowed to operate
- d. Schools conducting physical classes

During the enhanced community quarantine, the Philippine government rolled out the SAP, which comprises of the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS) and Expanded and Enhanced Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) of the DSWD, Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Displaced/Disadvantaged Workers Program (TUPAD) #Barangay Ko, Bahay Ko (TUPAD #BKBK) Disinfecting/Sanitation Project and COVID-19 Adjustment Measures Program (CAMP) of the DOLE, and Rice Farmers Financial Assistance of the DA. The program provides economic assistance worth P5,000 – P8,000 to qualified beneficiaries, estimated to cover 18 Million households, whose livelihood were affected and have no means of income during the community quarantine.

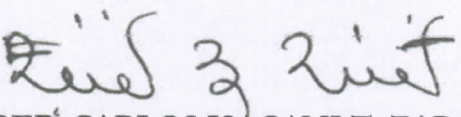
However, even after the ECQ, the social and economic reality remains true to Filipinos especially to the employees of the establishments and industries that are not allowed to operate under the GCQ. For this reason, it is necessary to continue the implementation of SAP to the affected individuals and families.

Thus, immediate approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

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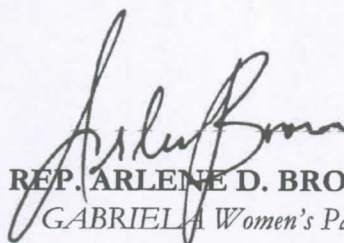
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22 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of the Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

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24 **SECTION 1.** Short Title. – This Act shall be known as “Social Amelioration During General  
25 Community Quarantine Act of 2020.”

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27 **SECTION 2.** Statement of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to free the people from poverty  
28 through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard  
29 of living, and an improved quality of life for all . Under a national health emergency crisis where  
30 the health of the people takes precedence, the State must also adopt measure to provide economic  
31 relief to the individuals and families affected from the strict implementation of mitigating  
32 measures.

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34 **SECTION 3.** Scope. – The Social Amelioration Program of the Department of Social Welfare  
35 and Development, Department of Labor and Employment and the Department of Agriculture,  
36 hereinafter referred to as the Program, is hereby extended for the entire duration of the  
37 implementation of the general community quarantine.

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39 **SECTION 4.** Coverage. – The COVID-19 Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of  
40 Emerging Infectious Disease will determine the low-risk and moderate risk areas of the Philippines  
41 where the general community quarantine is being implemented.

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43 **SECTION 5.** Beneficiaries. – The beneficiaries of this Program are the affected individuals  
44 employed on the following industries and establishments that are not to operate under the general  
45 community quarantine:

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47 a. Amusement, gaming and fitness establishments  
48 b. Category IV industries as defined by the Department of Trade and Industry  
49 c. Hotels or similar establishment not allowed to operate  
50 d. Schools conducting physical classes, and;  
51 e. Other similarly-situated industries and establishments.

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2 **SECTION 7.** Appropriation. – The source of the amount necessary for the implementation of  
3 this Act shall be determined by the Department of Finance, in coordination with the Department  
4 of Budget and Management.

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6 **SECTION 8.** Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid, the  
7 remainder of any provision hereof not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

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9 **SECTION 9.** Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, and other presidential  
10 issuances which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified  
11 accordingly.

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13 **SECTION 10.** Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) after its publication in the  
14 ~~Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.~~

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16 *Approved,*