Senior citizens technology and livelihood center proposed

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A lady solon has proposed the creation of a Senior Citizens Technology and Livelihood Center in every barangay in the country to motivate and encourage the elderly to take part in the development of society.

Quezon City Rep. Precious Hipolito- Castelo said she filed House Bill 1347 to maximize the efforts and contributions of senior citizens to nationbuilding.

"To honor the hard work of the senior citizens during their more productive years, we should upheld this opportunity for them to make the most of their role in national development. One of the ways would be to establish a technology and livelihood center where they can learn new skills that would open the doors of opportunity for their gainful employment," HipolitoCastelo said.

The bill mandates the Department of Social Welfare and Development, in coordination with the local government units to:

- set up a Senior Citizens Technology and Livelihood Center in every barangay nationwide
- establish technology and livelihood programs and
- provide guidelines and working mechanisms fitted to the elderly.

In necessary funds shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law.

Hipolitio- Castelo said her proposal is in l i n e wi t h the S t a te's mandate to prioritize the needs of the underprivileged and the senior citizens.

The bill will widen the base of participation of senior citizens in the nation's economic development, HipolitoCastelo added. — Leifbilly Begas