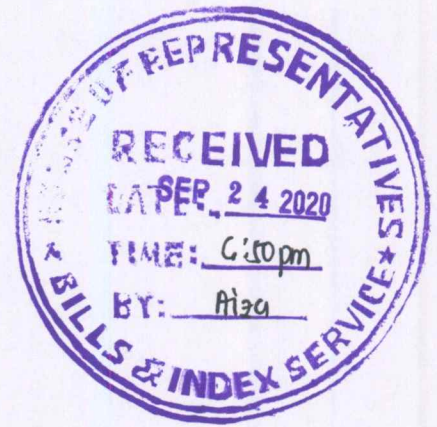




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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
 Quezon City



**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 000 525

Submitted by the Committee on Women & Gender Equality on SEP 24 2020

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Re: House Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2167 and 4826

Sponsors: Representatives Maria Lourdes Acosta-Alba, Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, Ferdinand R. Gaité, Eufemia "Ka Femia" Cullamat and John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Women and Gender Equality to which were referred **House Bill No. 2167**, introduced by Representatives Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, Ferdinand R. Gaité and Eufemia "Ka Femia" Cullamat, entitled:

AN ACT

DECLARING MAY 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, BIPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND OTHER PHOBIAS ON PERSONS WITH DIVERSE SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION (SOGIE); and

**House Bill No. 4826**, introduced by Representative John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto, entitled:

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has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_, entitled:

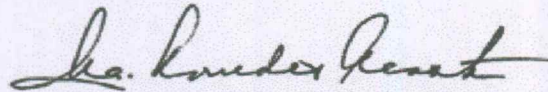
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be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2167 and 4826 with Representatives Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, Ferdinand R. Gaité, Eufemia "Ka Femia" Cullamat, John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto, Geraldine B. Roman, Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D., Maria Lourdes Acosta-Alba, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Rosanna "Ria" V. Vergara, Ruth Mariano-Hernandez, Alyssa Sheena P. Tan, Joy Myra S. Tambunting, Kristine Alexie B. Tutor, Glona G. Labadlabad, Paz C. Radaza, Ma. Lourdes T. Arroyo, Dahlia A. Loyola, Arlene D. Brosas, Irene Gay F. Saulog, Stella Luz A. Quimbo, Sarah Jane I. Elago, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano, Alfred D. Vargas, Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla, Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Shirlyn L. Bañas-Nogralas, Evelina G. Escudero, Rose Marie "Baby" J. Arenas, Christopher V.P. De Venecia, Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte, Michael Edgar Y. Aglipay, France I. Castro, and Precious Hipolito-Castelo as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:



**REP. MARIA LOURDES ACOSTA-ALBA**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Women and Gender Equality

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(in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2167 and 4826)

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**DECLARING MAY 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, BIPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND PHOBIAS FOR PERSONS OF DIVERSE SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION, OR SEX CHARACTERISTICS (SOGIESC)**

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

**SECTION 1.** In accord with the observance of the International Day against Transphobia and Homophobia, which was first commemorated on May 17, 1990 after the World Health Organization removed homosexuality from its International Classification of Mental Disorders, the "National Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Transphobia and Phobias for Persons of Diverse Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity or Expression, or Sex Characteristics (SOGIESC)" shall be observed in the

Philippines on May 17 of every year in recognition of the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, and asexual or allied (LGBTQIA) persons in the country and the need to end the discrimination, oppression and intolerance they are faced with in society.

**SEC. 2.** All government offices, private institutions, schools, colleges and universities are hereby enjoined to extend their full support for the activities to be conducted in the observance, promotion and protection of the human rights of LGBTQIA persons. The Commission on Human Rights and the Philippine Commission on Women, as lead agencies, shall issue jointly the necessary guidelines for this annual observance through a multi-media information campaign.

**SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

## FACT SHEET

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### AN ACT

## DECLARING MAY 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, BIPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND PHOBIAS FOR PERSONS OF DIVERSE SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION, OR SEX CHARACTERISTICS (SOGIESC)

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*Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY  
Committee Chair: REP. MARIA LOURDES ACOSTA-ALBA*

### OBJECTIVES:

- To promote public consciousness on the human rights of homosexuals, bisexuals, transgenders and other persons of diverse sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or sex characteristics (SOGIESC); and
- To raise people's awareness about the discriminatory acts committed against persons of different sexual orientation, gender identity or expression or sex characteristics, and to encourage and cultivate respect for their human rights and contribution to society

### KEY PROVISIONS:

- Declares May 17 of every year as the "National Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Transphobia and Phobias for Persons of Diverse SOGIESC" in recognition of the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, and asexual or allied (LGBTQIA) persons in the country;
- Enjoins all government offices, private institutions, schools, colleges and universities to extend full support for the activities to be conducted in the observance, promotion and protection of the human rights of LGBTQIA persons; and

- Assigns the Commission on Human Rights and the Philippine Commission on Women, as lead agencies, to issue jointly the necessary guidelines for this annual observance.

**RELATED LAWS:**

- Republic Act No. 9710 (Magna Carta of Women)
- Republic Act No. 9433 (Magna Carta for Public Social Workers)
- Executive Order No. 163 (Declaring the Effectivity of the Creation of the Commission on Human Rights as Provided For in the 1987 Constitution, Providing Guidelines for the Operation Thereof, and For Other Purposes)