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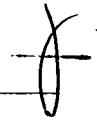


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PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DRUG REHABILITATION
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THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a drug rehabilitation center in every region in the country. The illegal drug menace is now considered public enemy number one all over the world. It is a problem which poses a grave threat to a country's national security. In our country, it has alarmingly penetrated almost all sectors and levels of society including the government, business, and even law enforcement agencies, and it may only take a little more time before the Philippines becomes another Columbia.

Several government agencies envisioned to lead the government's total war against dangerous drugs. Laws were passed to encourage the participation of the local government units in both the prevention and control of the illegal drug menace. In short, our concern is how to eradicate or prevent the spread of illicit drug traffic in the country.

However, we should not forget that a drug dependent is not a criminal, but a victim who is in need of medical and psychiatric treatment and can still become a valuable member of society. In this light, the government should direct its national programs in promoting and sustaining the treatment and rehabilitation of victims of drug abuse, especially in the critical after-care and social reintegration stages. Bringing a person back to the state of being where he can successfully cope with the physical, psychological, and social demands of family and community life is one way of helping a sick person become a productive part of the community.


It is by the establishment of an accessible rehabilitation center in every region of the country that we can ensure the speedy recovery from the physical and mental trauma brought about by dangerous drugs to every drug dependent in the country.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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

1 **SECTION 1. Creation.** - There shall be established, under the supervision of the
2 Department of Health, a Drug Rehabilitation Center in every region of the country,
3 hereinafter referred to as the Center.

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5 **SEC. 2. Objectives and Functions.** - The Center shall have the following objectives and
6 functions:

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8 (a) To provide care, treatment and accommodation to persons found to be drug
9 dependents;
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11 (b) To bring a drug dependent to a state where he is physically, psychologically, and
12 socially capable to cope with problems common to his peer group;
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14 (c) To facilitate and encourage the dissemination and exchange of ideas and information
15 on the prevention, care, treatment and control of drug addiction;
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17 (d) To provide after-care, follow-up and social reintegration services to enable a drug
18 dependent to adjust to family and community life after his release;
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20 (e) To provide each drug dependent the motivation to regain self-confidence, rediscover
21 his working abilities, and develop a sense of responsibility for himself;
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23 (f) To encourage the formation of organization and associations composed of parents,
24 guardians and immediate relatives of drug dependents in order to arouse their
25 awareness and enhance their participation in the care, treatment and rehabilitation of
26 their relatives found to be drug dependents;
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28 (g) To undertake continuous training of physicians, nurses, health officers and social
29 workers on the practical and scientific methods of prevention, care, treatment and
30 rehabilitation of persons found to be drug dependents; and
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1 (h) To strengthen the emotional and spiritual make-up of an individual drug dependent by
2 conducting regular guidance and counseling sessions as well as interdenominational
3 services.
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5 **SEC. 3. *Site of the Center.*** - The Secretary of Health, in coordination with the Secretary
6 of Public Works and Highways, shall, taking into consideration the accessibility of the Center
7 to its clientele, determine the location thereof.
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9 **SEC. 4. *Organization.*** - The Center shall be headed by a Director to be assisted by two
10 (2) Deputy Directors who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health and vested with
11 powers generally exercised by a Chief and Assistant Chiefs, respectively, of a government
12 hospital.
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14 No person shall be appointed Director or Deputy Director unless he/she possess the
15 following qualifications:
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17 (a) At least thirty-five (35) years of age;
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19 (b) A physician of good repute; and
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21 (c) At least five (5) years of experience in the care, treatment and rehabilitation of
22 drug dependents.
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24 **SEC. 5. *Personnel and Staff.*** - The Director shall appoint such other personnel and
25 staff as may be necessary for the effective operation of the Center subject to existing, laws,
26 rules and regulations.
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28 **SEC. 6. *Five-Year Development Plan.*** - The Center, through its Director, shall be authorized
29 to embark on a Five-Year Development Plan in the fulfillment of the following:
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31 (a) To establish additional building facilities equipped with new and modern equipment
32 to serve and cater to drug dependents of the region;
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34 (b) To initiate plans for the development of income generating programs for the ultimate
35 purpose of generating resources to provide charity services;
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37 (c) To provide hospital pharmacy services, free dispensaries and health stations; and
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39 (d) To provide educational facilities for interns, and graduate and undergraduate students
40 of medicine.
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42 **SEC. 7. *Government Assistance to the Center.*** - The Secretary of Health is hereby
43 authorized to call upon any department, bureau, agency or instrumentality of the government
44 for such assistance as may be necessary to effectively implement this Act.
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46 **SEC. 8. *Rules and Regulations.*** - The Director of the Center is hereby authorized, with the
47 approval of the Secretary of Health, to promulgate such rules and the effective
48 implementation of the provisions this Act.
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1 **SEC. 9. Appropriations.** - The sum necessary for the effective implementation this Act shall
2 be charged against the appropriations for the Department of Health under the current General
3 Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the continued operation
4 of the Center shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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6 **SEC. 10. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the
7 Official Gazette or in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,