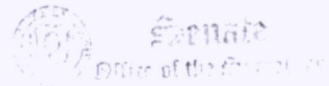


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S. No. 464

Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DRUG TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTER IN
THE CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY
OF BACOR DRUG TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTER AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In a fact sheet¹ released by the Philippine Mission to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, the following staggering data was given covering the period 2012-2017:

- the number of drug users has risen from 1.3 million to 1.8 million
- the number of confirmed positives in voluntary drug test results has risen from 1,383 to 16,838
- admissions in rehabilitation centers have risen from 2,744 to 5,402 of which new admissions numbered 4,392, the highest in 10 years
- the number of anti-illegal drug operations carried out by PDEA in 2016 reached 32,230
- for the period July 2016 to January 2017, PNP as part of *Operation Tokhang*, has visited more than 7 million homes, conducted 43,434 operations
- of the more than 1.2 million people covered by PNP operations, 1.1 million surrendered

¹ <https://genevapm.dfa.gov.ph/ph-campaign-against-illegal-drugs/451-fact-sheet-no-1-on-ph-anti-illegal-drugs-campaign-28-march-2017>

Considering these numbers, there are only around 48 DOH-accredited treatment and rehabilitation centers that cater to surrenders needs. Forty-five are residential facilities, seventeen are government run, and the rest are private.

It is the duty of the State to provide rehabilitation for those hooked on dangerous substances. There is an urgent need for them to be rehabilitated, especially if there is extreme abuse so as to avoid the psychological, legal, financial, social, and physical consequences. Their welfare is often overlooked because most of our efforts are focused on nabbing the pushers and perpetrators. Under the National Anti-Drug Plan of Action, the government intends to put up a government-managed Treatment and Rehabilitation Center in each region.

The establishment of the City of Bacoor Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Center, therefore, would be in line with the Plan of Action to address drug-related problems in the CALABARZON Region specifically in the province of Cavite, especially in the City of Bacoor. It is in this facility the people involved in and affected by drug-related problems will be given the opportunity to battle their addictions, undergo reform, and be brought back to society's fold.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill 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. *Declaration of Policy.* – There shall be established a drug treatment
2 and rehabilitation center in the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite to be known as
3 City of Bacoor Drug Treatment Rehabilitation Center, under the direct supervision of
4 the Department of Health, that will be responsible for the handling and
5 implementation of programs for the rehabilitation of drug addicts and other drug-
6 related cases in the City of Bacoor and other nearby areas.

7 Sec. 2. *Objectives and Functions.* – The Center shall have the following
8 objectives and functions:

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- 10 a. To provide care, treatment, and accommodation to persons found to be
11 drug dependents;
- 12 b. To bring a drug dependent to a state where he is physically,
13 psychologically, and socially capable of coping with problems common to
14 his peer group;

- 1 c. To facilitate and encourage the dissemination and exchange of ideas and
2 information on the prevention, care, treatment and control of drug
3 addiction and abuse;
- 4 d. To provide after-care, follow-up and social reintegration services to enable
5 drug dependent to adjust to family and community life after his release;
- 6 e. To encourage the formation of organizations, associations or groups
7 composed of parents, guardians and immediate relatives of drug
8 dependents in order to incite their awareness and enhance their
9 participation in the care, treatment and rehabilitation of their relatives or
10 wards found to be drug-dependent patients;
- 11 f. To undertake continuous training of physicians, nurses, health officers,
12 psychologists and social workers on the practical and scientific methods of
13 prevention, care, treatment and rehabilitation of persons found to be drug
14 dependents;
- 15 g. To strengthen the emotional and spiritual make-up of an individual drug
16 dependent by conducting regular guidance and counselling sessions.
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18 *Sec. 3. Organization.* – The Center shall be headed by a Director who shall be
19 appointed by the Secretary of Health and vested with powers generally exercised by
20 the Chief of a government devolved hospital.

21 *Sec. 4. Personnel and Staff.* – The Director shall appoint such other personnel
22 and staff as may be necessary for the effective operation of the Center subject to
23 existing laws, rules and regulations.

24 *Sec. 5. Development Plan.* – The Center, through its Director, is hereby
25 authorized to embark on a development plan in the fulfilment of the following:

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- 27 a. To establish additional building facilities equipped with new and modern
28 equipment to serve and cater to drug dependents;
- 29 b. To initiate plans for the development of income generating resources to
30 provide additional projects for the Center, particularly charity services;
- 31 c. To provide pharmacy services, dispensaries, and health stations, and

1 d. To provide on-the-job training and other educational facilities for interns,
2 graduates and undergraduates of medicines and related fields germane to
3 the rehabilitation of drug dependents.
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5 Sec. 6. *Government Assistance to the Center.* – The Secretary of Health is
6 hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, agency or instrumentality of
7 the government for such assistance as may be necessary to effectively implement
8 this Act.

9 Sec. 7. *Rules and Regulations.* – The Director of the Center is hereby
10 authorized, with the approval of the Secretary of Health, to promulgate such rules
11 and regulations as may be necessary to secure an effective administration of the
12 Center and the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

13 Sec. 8. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of
14 this Act shall be charged against the appropriations authorized for the purpose under
15 the fiscal year 2019 General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be
16 necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Center shall be included in the
17 annual General Appropriations Act.

18 Sec. 9. *Separability Clause.* – If any part or provision of this Act shall be held
19 to be unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected
20 thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

21 Sec. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All provisions of laws, orders, decrees, including
22 rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified
23 accordingly.

24 Sec. 11. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
25 complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.
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27 Approved,