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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 had been created. 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.

We should not, however, forget that a drug dependent is not a criminal, but a victim who is in need of medical and psychiatric treatment and still can become a valuable member of society. In this light, the government should direct its national programs to promote and sustain 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 a rehabilitation center in every region of the country that we can make accessible to every drug dependent medical facilities for a speedy recovery from the physical and mental trauma brought about by dangerous drugs. Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DRUG REHABILITATION
CENTER IN EVERY REGION OF THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and 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
6 objectives and functions:

- 7 (a) To provide care, treatment and accommodation to persons found to be drug
8 dependents;
- 9 (b) To bring a drug dependent to a state where he is physically, psychologically
10 and socially capable with problems common to his peer group;
- 11 (c) To facilitate and encourage the dissemination and exchange of ideas and
12 information on the prevention, care, treatment and control of drug addiction;
- 13 (d) To provide after-care, follow-up and social reintegration services to enable a
14 drug dependent to adjust to family and community life after his release;

1 (e) To provide each drug dependent motivation to regain self-confidence,
2 rediscover his working abilities and develop a sense of responsibility for
3 himself;

4 (f) To encourage the formation of organization and associations composed of
5 parents, guardians and immediate relatives of drug dependents in order to
6 arouse their awareness and enhance their participation in the care, treatment
7 and rehabilitation of their relatives or wards found to be drug dependent
8 patients;

9 (g) To undertake continuous training of physicians, nurses, health officers and
10 social workers on the practical and scientific methods of prevention, care,
11 treatment and rehabilitation of persons found to be drug dependents; and

12 (h) To strengthen the emotional and spiritual make-up of an individual drug
13 dependent by conducting regular guidance and counseling sessions as well as
14 interdenominational services.

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16 **SEC. 3. *Site of the Center.*** – The Secretary of Health in coordination with the
17 Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall, taking into consideration the accessibility
18 of the Center to its clientele, determine the location thereof.

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20 **SEC. 4. *Organization.*** – The Center shall be headed by a Director to be assisted
21 by two (2) Deputy Directors who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health and
22 vested with powers generally exercised by a Chief and Assistant Chiefs, respectively, of a
23 government hospital.

24 No person shall be appointed Director or Deputy Director unless he possess the
25 following qualifications:

26 (a) At least thirty-five (35) years of age;

1 (b) A physician of good repute;

2 (c) At least five (5) years experience in the care, treatment and rehabilitation of
3 drug dependents.

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5 **SEC. 5. *Personnel and Staff.*** – The Director shall appoint such other personnel
6 and staff as may be necessary for the effective operation of the Center subject to existing
7 laws, rules and regulations.

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9 **SEC. 6. *Five-Year Development Plan.*** – The Center, through its Director, shall
10 be authorized to embark on a Five-Year Development Plan in the fulfillment of the
11 following:

12 (a) To establish additional building facilities equipped with new and modern
13 equipment to serve and cater to drug dependents of the region;

14 (b) To initiate plans for the development of income generating programs for the
15 ultimate purpose of generating resources to provide charity services;

16 (c) To provide hospital pharmacy services, free dispensaries and health stations;
17 and

18 (d) To provide educational facilities for interns and graduate and undergraduate
19 students of medicine.

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21 **SEC. 7. *Government Assistance to the Center*** – The Secretary of Health is
22 hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, agency or instrumentality of the
23 government for such assistance as may be necessary to effectively implement this Act.

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25 **SEC. 8. *Rules and Regulations.*** – The Director of the Center is hereby
26 authorized, with the approval of the Secretary of Health, to promulgate such rules and

1 regulations as may be necessary to secure an effective administration of the Center and
2 the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

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4 **SEC. 9. Appropriations** – The sum necessary for the effective implementation of
5 this Act shall be charged against the appropriations for the Department of Health under
6 the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for
7 the continued operation of the Center shall be included in the annual General
8 Appropriations Act.

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

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