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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The impact of drug abuse and dependence is far-reaching as it affects almost every organs of the body which causes different health hazards that sometimes leads to death. Also, the same has been the root cause of increasing incident of drug-related crimes which is prevalent all over the country. This Bill seeks to establish Drug Rehabilitation Center in the City of Cabadbaran in the Province of Agusan del Norte to be known as the Agusan del Norte Rehabilitation Center.

Drug Rehabilitation is the most effective tool that the Government can do to those suffering from drug addiction and dependency. It is the Government's duty to look into their welfare and give them equal and fair treatment by giving them the chance to recover and regain opportunity to new beginning.

The establishment of the Agusan del Norte Rehabilitation Center is essential to address drug-related incidents within the Caraga Region. It will provide accessible facilities for those suffering from drug addiction or drug dependency, with the Government providing them assistance. Thus, their goal to reformation and recovery will become an easy process.

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


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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE CITY OF CABADBARAN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE AGUSAN DEL NORTE REHABILITATION CENTER AND ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in session assembled.

Section 1. *Declaration of Policy* – There shall be established a drug rehabilitation center in the City of Cabadbaran, Province of Agusan del Norte, to be known as the Agusan del Norte Rehabilitation Center that shall be responsible for the handling and implementation of programs for the rehabilitation of drug addicts and other drug-related cases within the Province of Agusan del Norte.

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

- a. To provide care, treatment and accommodation to persons found to be drug dependents;
- b. To bring a drug dependent to a state where he is physically, psychologically and socially capable of coping with problems common to his peer group;
- c. To facilitate and encourage the dissemination and exchange of ideas and information on the prevention, care, treatment and control of drug addiction and abuse;
- d. To provide after-care, follow-up and social reintegration services to enable the drug dependent to adjust to family and community life after his release;
- e. To encourage the formation of organizations, associations or groups composed of parents, guardians and immediate relatives of drug

dependents in order to incite their awareness and enhance their participation in the care, treatment and rehabilitation of their relatives or wards found to be drug-dependent patients;

- f. To undertake continuous training of physicians, nurses, health officers, psychologists and social workers on the practical and scientific methods of prevention, care treatment and rehabilitation of persons found to be drug dependents;
- g. To strengthen the emotional and spiritual make-up of an individual drug dependent by conducting regular guidance and counselling sessions as well as interdominated church services

Section 3. *Organization* – The Center shall be headed by a Director who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health and vested with powers generally exercised by the Chief of a Government devolved hospital.

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

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

- a. To establish building facilities equipped with new and modern equipment to serve and cater to drug dependent from the Province of Agusan del Norte;
- b. To initiate plans for the development of income generating resources to provide additional projects for the Center, particularly charity services;
- c. To provide pharmacy services, dispensaries and health stations; and
- d. To provide on the job training and other educational facilities for interns, graduates and undergraduates of medicines and related fields germane to the rehabilitation of drug dependents.

Section 6. *Government Assistance to the Center* – The Secretary of Health is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, agency or instrumentality of the government for such assistance as may be necessary to effectively implement this Act.

Section 7. *Rules and Regulations* – The Secretary of Health is hereby authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 8. *Appropriations* – The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the programs of the Department of Health the establishment and operationalization of the Agusan del Norte Rehabilitation Center in the City of Cabadbaran, Province of Agusan del Norte, the funding shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

Approved,