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House Bill No. 3631



Introduced by Representative **John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill aims to support the rehabilitation and personal development of drug dependents by mandating the state to establish a Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Center in every province throughout the Philippines.

The administration's effort to eradicate illegal drugs has led to the apprehension of drug dependent citizens. The constitution affords all Filipinos of their full enjoyment of basic human rights. In turn, the state is mandated to serve and protect its people and facilitate their development towards self-actualization. It is therefore only fitting that the government take all possible and necessary steps to give hope and help our people help themselves in reintegrating themselves to the society so that they may reach their greatest potential, despite going through dark episodes in their lives.

It is high time that the state creates policies that will empower and enable—instead of condemn—our fellow Filipino citizens who fell into the trap of drug dependence, in their pursuit to a new life.

As a manifestation of support to this administration's initiative of providing welfare to our fellow citizens, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

  
**JOHN MARVIN "YUL SERVO" C. NIETO**

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51 **AN ACT**

52 **PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND SUPPORT OF A DRUG ABUSE**  
53 **TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTER IN EVERY PROVINCE**  
54 **THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**  
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56 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*  
57 *Congress assembled:*  
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59 **Section 1. Creation.** — There shall be established, under the supervision of  
60 the Department of Health, a Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Center in  
61 every Province in the country, herein after referred to as "Center".  
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63 **Sec. 2. Objectives and Functions.** — The Center shall have the  
64 following objectives and functions:

- 65 a) To provide care, treatment, and accommodation to persons found to be drug  
66 dependents;  
67 b) To bring a drug dependent to a state where he is physically,  
68 psychologically, and socially capable of coping up with problems common to  
69 his peer group;  
70 c) To facilitate and encourage the dissemination and exchange of ideas  
71 and information on the prevention, care, treatment and control of drug addiction;  
72 d) To provide after-care, follow-up, and social reintegration services to enable a  
73 drug dependent to adjust to family and community life after his release;  
74 e) To provide each drug dependent the motivation to regain self-  
75 confidence, rediscover his working abilities, and develop a sense of responsibility  
76 for himself;  
77 f) To encourage the formation of organizations and associations composed  
78 of parents, guardians, and immediate relatives of drug dependents in order  
79 to arouse their awareness and enhance their participation in the care, treatment,  
80 and rehabilitation of their relatives found to be drug dependents;



g) To encourage the participation of the private sector, non-government organizations, and faith communities in the rehabilitation and reintegration process

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

i) To strengthen the emotional and spiritual make-up of an individual drug dependent by conducting regular guidance and counselling sessions as well as interdenominational services.

**Sec. 3. Site of the Center.** — The Secretary of Health, in coordination with the Secretary of Public Works and Highways, shall, taking into consideration the accessibility of the Center to the people inhabiting all cities and/or municipalities under the jurisdiction of the Province, determine the location thereof.

**Sec. 4. Organization.** — The Center shall be headed by a Director assisted by two (2) Deputy Directors who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health and vested with powers generally exercised by a Chief and Assistant Chief, respectively, of a government hospital.

No person shall be appointed Director or Deputy Director unless he/she possesses the following qualifications:

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

b) A physician of good repute; and

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

**Sec. 5. 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.

**Sec. 6. Five-year Development Plan.** — The Center, through its Director, shall embark on a Five-year Development Plan for the fulfillment of the following:

a) To establish additional facilities equipped with new and modern equipment to serve and cater to the needs of recovering drug dependents in the Province;

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

c) To provide educational facilities for interns, graduate, and undergraduate students of medicine;

d) To establish an informative and far-reaching information dissemination program that aims to educate the people of their respective provinces about all the dangers and hazards of drug dependence; and

e) To develop a continuing and effective program, with the end in view of achieving reintegration of fully recovered drug dependents who can live peacefully, harmoniously, and productively, with their respective communities.

**Sec. 7. 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 maybe necessary to achieve the purposes of this Act.

**Sec. 8. Rules and Regulations.** — The Secretary of Health shall, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, issue the necessary guidelines for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

**Sec. 9.** — The sum necessary for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be initially charged against the appropriations for the Department of Health under the annual General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as maybe necessary for the continued operation of the Center shall be included in the GAA for the succeeding years.

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

*Approved,*