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Introduced by HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a drug rehabilitation center in the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite.

As of July 2016, according to PNP chief Director General Ronald Dela Rosa, more than 65,000 drug users and pushers nationwide have surrendered to authorities since President Rodrigo Duterte launched an intensified anti-drug campaign while there are only around 46 drug rehab centers, government-and NGO-run, that are accredited by the Department of Health, 16 of which are government operated.

In the City of Bacoor, there is no existing drug treatment and rehabilitation facility to cater the surrenderees in the City of Bacoor and nearby areas.

It is a duty of the State to provide rehabilitation for those hooked on dangerous substances. There is a 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.

The establishment of the City of Bacoor Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Center is imperative in order to address drug-related problems within the province especially 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 addiction, 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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**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 THEREOF**

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. – There shall be established a drug treatment and rehabilitation center in the City of Bacor, in the Province of Cavite to be known as City of Bacor Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Center, under the direct supervision of the Department of Health, that will be responsible for the handling and implementation of programs for the rehabilitation of drug addicts and other drug-related cases in the City of Bacor.

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

- a. To provide care, treatment, and accommodations 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 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 counseling sessions as well as inter dominated 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 fulfillment of the following:

- a. To establish additional building facilities equipped with new and modern equipment to serve and cater to drug dependent from the City of Bacoar;
- 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 medicine 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 the Act.

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

SECTION 9. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations authorized for the purpose under the fiscal year 2017 General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the herein hospital shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

SECTION 11. *Separability Clause.* – If any part or provision of this Act shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not effected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,