

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. **3611**



Introduced by HONORABLE SCOTT DAVIES S. LANETE, M.D.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Since the inception of His Excellency, President Rodrigo Duterte's administration, a war against illegal drugs has been waged. Among the battles won in this "war" was the discovery of a huge number of police officers who tested on illegal substance.

It is in the interest of the State, for the improvement of the delivery of basic services to the people, to continue this "war" by bringing the battle to other government agencies.

However, the State currently has no concrete mechanism to enforce this interest. As of now, there is no law mandating government employees to undergo drug testing. The State is dependent on the initiative and willingness of government department heads to conduct tests among their respective offices.

Considering this paramount interest of the State, and President Duterte's directive to eradicate illegal drugs, it is necessary and urgent for Congress to promulgate a law mandating the random drug testing in all government agencies.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Scott Davies S. Lanete".

SCOTT DAVIES S. LANETE, M.D.
Representative
Third District, Province of Masbate

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. **3611**

Introduced by HONORABLE SCOTT DAVIES S. LANETE, M.D.

AN ACT MANDATING THE RANDOM DRUG-TESTING IN ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as "Drug-free Government Act."

Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. It is also the policy of the State to maintain honesty and integrity in the public service.

Sec. 3. *Mandatory Random Drug Sampling.* In accordance with the foregoing declared policy, it is hereby established a mandatory random drug testing program for in all government agencies, instrumentalities, including government owned and controlled corporations. The random drug sampling shall include, but not limited to, tests for the following drugs:

- (A) Marijuana.
- (B) Cocaine.
- (C) Opiates.
- (D) Amphetamines.
- (E) Methamphetamine.
- (F) Phencyclidine.

Sec 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The Department of Health shall have the power to promulgate the implementing rules and regulations as may be necessary to fully implement the objectives and purposes of this Act within one (1) year from the approval hereof.

Sec. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any part or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to

be in full force and effect.

Sec. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.