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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to establish a drug rehabilitation center in the Municipality of Iguig, Province of Cagayan.

With the increasing number of drug users who need to be rehabilitated, this representation deems it necessary that Region 2, particularly in the Province of Cagayan where the regional center is located, have its own drug rehabilitation center to service all the provinces in the entire region. This center will become another beacon of hope for these people who have fallen victim to drug addiction.

There are now only a handful of these government centers in existence, which are now overflowing with applicants who want to undergo the rehabilitation program, especially those coming from the poor areas who cannot afford private hospital facilities.

In lieu of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY**  
**OF IGUIG, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAGAYAN DRUG**  
**REHABILITATION CENTER AND ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR**  
**OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.** – There shall be established a drug rehabilitation center in the Municipality of Iguig, Province of Cagayan to be known as the Cagayan Drug 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 Cagayan and other nearby areas.

**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 a drug dependent to adjust to family and community life after his release;
- e. To provide each drug dependent motivation for regaining self-confidence, rediscover his working latent abilities and develop a sense of responsibility for himself;



- f. To encourage the formation of organizations, associations or groups composed of parents, guardians and immediate relatives of drug dependents in order to arouse their awareness and enhance their participation in the care, treatment and rehabilitation of their relatives or wards found to be drug-dependent patients;
- g. 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;
- h. To strengthen the emotional and spiritual make-up of an individual drug dependent by conducting regular guidance and counseling sessions as well as interdenominational church services; and
- i. The center shall be responsible for the implementation of the programs for the rehabilitation of drug dependents and other related cases.

**SECTION 3. Site of Facility.** – The center shall be constructed within the Municipality of Iguig, Province of Cagayan at a location which will be identified by the Department of Health – Region 2.

**SECTION 4. 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 a Chief of a government hospital and shall abide by the qualification requirements set about by the Civil Service Commission.

**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 dependents from Paranaque;
- b. To initiate plans for the development of income generating programs for the ultimate purpose of 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 educational facilities for interns, graduates and undergraduates of medicine and related fields with focus on the rehabilitation of drug dependents.

**SECTION 6. Government Assistance to the Center.** – The Secretary of Health is hereby authorized to call upon department, bureau, agency or instrumentally of the government for such assistance as may be necessary to effectively implement this 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 8. Appropriations.** – The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the programs of the Department of Health the establishment and operationalization of the Cagayan Rehabilitation Center, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 9. Repealing Clause.** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, presidential proclamation, rules, regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

**SECTION 10. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

**SECTION 11. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,