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Introduced by **HONORABLE ALLEN JESSE C. MANGAOANG**

EXPLANATORY NOTE


This Bill seeks to establish a drug rehabilitation Center in the Municipality of Rizal, in the Province of Kalinga.

The problem of drug addiction has already become prevalent, not only in Metro Manila and highly urbanized cities but also in the Provinces and other rural areas. The Province of Kalinga, for one is not spared from the evil clutches of drug trafficking and drug addiction. The incidence of drug-related crimes is increasing all over the country. As such, many Filipinos are continuously being victimized by these dangerous substances, either as users or victims of crimes committed by drug addicts or drug users.

Since the Government has started its campaign against illegal drugs in order to eradicate drug-related crimes, a staggering number of drug users have surrendered to the authorities. These drug addicts/victims are in dire need of immediate rehabilitative assistance. Unfortunately however, we don't have enough rehabilitation centers to accommodate all of them. Now more than ever, it is the duty and responsibility of the State to provide rehabilitation for those hooked on these dangerous substances.

The establishment of the Kalinga Drug Rehabilitation Center is imperative in order to address drug-related problems within the Province of Kalinga. It is in this facility that people involved or addicted to drugs will be given the opportunity to reform and be brought back to the folds of society.

In view of the urgency of this bill, its immediate approval is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, IN THE PROVINCE OF KALINGA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE KALINGA 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. Creation.- There shall be established under the supervision of the Department of Health, a drug rehabilitation center in the Municipality of Rizal, in the Province of Kalinga, to be known as the Kalinga Drug Rehabilitation Center, that shall be responsible for the treatment and rehabilitation of drug dependents from the Province of Kalinga and such other drug users as may be referred to by the Department of Health.

SECTION 2. Objectives and Functions. - The Center shall have the following objectives and function:

- 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/herself;
- f. 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 persons found to be drug dependents;
- 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.

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 a Chief of 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 dependents from the Province of Kalinga and such other drug users as may be referred to by the Department of Health;
- 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 in the pursuit of its programs particularly on charitable 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 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 Kalinga Drug Rehabilitation Center in the Municipality of Rizal, Province of Kalinga, the initial funding of which shall be taken from the Budget of the Department of Health for the current fiscal year. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its continued operation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

The fund for the Center may be augmented by grants, donations and endowments from various sources, domestic or foreign, subject to the existing guidelines set by the government.

SECTION 9. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,