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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to establish in the Province of Aklan, a drug rehabilitation center under the Department of Health.

The proliferation of drugs in the country resulted in the high number of crimes, and the country could turn into a narcotic state if the national government backs down from this war.

The present administration has been true to its promise to wage war against illegal drugs. As of August 15, 2016, the PNP counted 612 individuals who were killed in drug-related operations and a total of 576,176 drug users and pushers across the country who surrendered to police. And with the PNP being unrelenting in its anti-drug campaign, we believe a "drug-free" Philippines is in the offing and now achievable.

Despite the sharp rise in extrajudicial killings amid the government's bloody anti-drug campaign, we salute the Philippine National Police for making history in the

field of law enforcement under the leadership of Director General Ronald "Bato" De la Rosa on his no non-sense and relentless effort in eradicating the drug menace. The focused, bold, drastic and dramatic campaign against illegal drugs is laudable.

According to the Aklan Police Provincial Office, more than 1,200 drug personalities turned up at police stations during the first phase (knock-and-appeal stage) of the Philippine National Police's Oplan Double Barrel. The surrenderees were fingerprinted and photographed, and made to sign an affidavit of undertaking, promising they will not sell and/or use illegal drugs anymore. After which, they were released if no illegal drugs were seized from them. Police said that they should undergo drug testing, and those who will test positive for drug use will be recommended for rehabilitation.

The overwhelming number of drug dependents who surrendered as a result of the Duterte administration's intensified campaign against illegal drugs suggests that drug rehabilitation centers all over the country shall be established. In Aklan alone, only the Dr. Rafael S. Tumbokon Memorial Hospital caters for the drug dependents in the province.

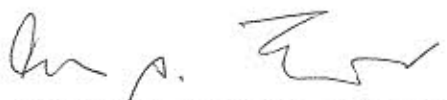
But said facility is not enough to accommodate the reformists. We believe that a state-run drug rehabilitation center in Aklan will give self-confessed drug personalities the chance to reform and go back to the mainstream of society by offering them alternative livelihood and assistance.

Based on account of some friends' experiences, they have felt the complexity and convolution that family members and substance-abuse victims went through and

what is even more painful is the social stigma that inquiries about the rehabilitation process presents. The available center in Kalibo is not adequate to house the surrenderees who desire to change for the better and yield to immerse with society. And so we made a decision so that people will no longer struggle in finding a suitable treatment institution for them or for their loved ones.

In this regard, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought to reform Aklanons who have been misled by the drug peril but yearn now to go back to the mainstream of the social order. This is in line with the policy of the State to provide effective mechanisms or measures to re-integrate into society these individuals who have fallen victims of drug abuse or drug dependence through sustainable programs of treatment and rehabilitation.

Immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION**  
**CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO,**  
**PROVINCE OF AKLAN, AND APPROPRIATING**  
**FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1. Creation.** - There shall be established in Kalibo, Province of Aklan, a secured, clean, adequately-equipped Drug Rehabilitation Center.

**SECTION 2. Purposes and Objectives.** - This Act shall have the following objectives:

- (1) To provide the proper treatment and care to person found to have committed substance abuse, for the purpose of rehabilitation and to restore the physical, psychological conditions of the person to normal and healthy levels;
- (2) To provide comprehensive social reintegration services and follow-up in order

- to prepare the person for the adjustment to family and community life after release;
- (3) To provide affordable and accessible drug rehabilitation and treatment services to encourage more drug dependents, especially the indigent, to voluntarily submit for treatment.

**SECTION 3.** *Supervision of the Center.* – The Center shall be under the management, operation, control and direct supervision of the Department of Health (DOH, in addition to the duties and responsibilities of the Department under Sec. 76 of RA 9165, and in coordination with other concerned agencies.

The DOH shall collaborate with and tap the resources of the provincial government in the establishment, management and operation of the center.

The program for the voluntary or compulsory submission of a drug dependent and other legal processes related thereby shall be accomplished in compliance to the provisions in Art. VII of Republic Act 9165 (Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002).

**SECTION 4.** *Location of the Center.* – The Secretary of Health, in coordination with the Secretary of Public Works and Highways, shall determine the location of the Center in Kalibo, Aklan, taking into consideration the accessibility of the Center to the residents of remote areas.

**SECTION 5.** *Organization and Key Positions of the Center.*– The Center shall be headed by a Director, who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health, and shall be vested with powers generally exercised by the chief of a government hospital. The organization shall adhere to the organizational framework currently in place in other



government-run Drug Rehabilitation Centers in the country.

**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 any support necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

**SECTION 7.** *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Health, in consultation with the Department of Justice, Department of Budget and Management, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Philippine National Police, National Bureau of Investigation, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, and Philippine Gaming Corporation, within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

The DSWD shall formulate the socialized rate for the cost of drug rehabilitation treatment, proportionate to the financial capacity of the person undergoing rehabilitation, and shall be incorporated in the implementing rules and regulations.

**SECTION 8.** *Appropriations.* – The initial fund of Php300 Million for the preliminary implementation of this Act shall be taken from the budget of the Department of Health for the current fiscal year. Thereafter, the amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year immediately following its enactment into law and subsequent thereto.

A portion of funds generated by the PCSO and PAGCOR shall be earmarked for the purpose of the

adequate Center and for the maintenance and operating expenses of said Center, pursuant to Sec. 87 of RA 9165.

The fund for the life-blood of the Center, may be augmented by grants, donations and endowment from various sources, domestic or foreign, for purposes related to their functions, subject to the existing guidelines set by the government.

**SECTION 9.** *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 10.** *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamation and administrative regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 11.** *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect immediately after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

*Approved.*