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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DRUG REHABILITATION
CENTER IN EVERY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTRY AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Drug menace in our country has grown in a very enormous scale. We are shocked daily with news of the continued increase of those involved in the drug use and trade. The disastrous effect on the individual, family, community and the country is now a great concern.

The steadfast campaign of the government to bring to a halt this menace is commendable. Alarming indeed, the vast number of personalities involved, however, the number of surrenderees is also a matter of concern. Indeed, it shows the number of affected individuals by the drug and substance abuse. But the great challenge nowadays is how will the government handle the number of people that voluntarily surrendered and are now willing to change their ways. It should be noted that these individuals are also victims and the care of the government should also granted them. It is therefore aimed to bring these personalities back to be productive members of society.

It is at this point that this proposal is being advanced. A rehabilitation center in every legislative district is hereby proposed.

Thus, passage of this bill is hereby earnestly requested.



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

1 **SECTION 1. Creation.**- There shall be established a comprehensive drug
2 rehabilitation center in every province of the country, under the supervision of the
3 Department of Health, hereinafter referred to as the "Center".
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5 **SEC. 2. Objectives and Purposes.**- The Center shall have the following
6 objectives and purposes:

- 7 a) Provide care, treatment and accommodation to persons found to
8 be drug dependents;
9 b) Guide the drug dependent to be physically, psychologically and
10 socially capable of coping with the difficulties common to his
11 peer group;
12 c) Facilitate and encourage the dissemination and exchange of
13 ideas and information on the prevention care, treatment and
14 control of drug addiction;
15 d) Provide after care, follow-up and social reintegration services to
16 enable a drug dependent to adjust to family and community life
17 after his release;

- e) Motivate the drug dependent to regain self-confidence, rediscover his abilities and develop his sense of responsibility;
- f) Encourage the formation of organizations and associations composed of parents, guardians and immediate relatives of drug dependents in order to raise awareness and enhance their participation in the care, treatment and rehabilitation of their relatives or wards;
- g) Undertake continuous training of physicians, nurses, health officers and social workers on the scientific methods of prevention, care, treatment and rehabilitation of persons found to be drug dependents;
- h) 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.

SEC. 3. Place of the Center. – The Secretary of Health, in coordination with the Secretary of Public Works and Highways, shall determine the location of each provincial drug rehabilitation center taking into consideration the accessibility of the facilities to most of its patients.

SEC. 4. Organization. – Each provincial drug rehabilitation center shall be headed by an Executive Director and two (2) Deputy Executive Directors, who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health, and vested with powers generally exercised by a Chief and Assistant Chief, respectively, by that of a government hospital.

The Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Directors shall possess the following qualifications:

- a) At least thirty-five (35) years of age;
- b) A physician of good reputation; and
- c) At least five (5) years experience in the care, treatment and rehabilitation of drug dependents.

1 **SEC. 5. Personnel and Staff.-** The Director shall appoint such other
2 personnel and staff as may be necessary for the effective operation of the Center
3 subject to existing.
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5 **SEC. 6 Five Year Development Plan.-** Each provincial drug rehabilitation
6 center, through its Executive Director, shall be authorized to undertake on a five year
7 development plan to fulfill the following:

- 8 a) Establish additional building facilities equipped with new and
9 modern equipment to serve and cater to drug dependents of the
10 region;
- 11 b) Initiate plans for the development of income generating programs
12 for the ultimate purpose of generating resources to provide charity
13 services;
- 14 c) Provide for hospital pharmacy services, free dispensaries and
15 health stations;
- 16 d) Provide educational facilities for interns and graduate and
17 undergraduate students of medicine.

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19 **SEC. 7. Government Assistance to the Center.-** The Secretary of Health is
20 hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, agency or instrumentality of
21 the government for such assistance as may be necessary to effectively implement
22 this Act.
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24 **SEC. 8. Rules and Regulations.** – The Executive Director of the Center is
25 hereby authorized, with the approval of the Secretary of Health, to promulgate such
26 rules and regulations as may be necessary to secure an efficient administration of
27 the Center and the effective implementation of this Act.
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29 **SEC. 9. Appropriations.-** The amount necessary for the implementation of
30 the this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the Department of
31 Health. Thereafter, such amount necessary for the continued operation of the
32 regional drug rehabilitation centers shall be included in the Annual general
33 Appropriations Act.
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1 **SEC. 10. Repealing Clause.-** All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
2 regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the
3 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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5 **SEC. 11. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act is declared
6 invalid, the provision thereof not affected by the by such declaration shall remain in
7 force and effect.

8 **SEC. 12. Effectivity.-** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
9 complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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11 *Approved,*