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Explanatory Note

The 1987 Constitution under Article II (Declaration of Principles and State Policies) explicitly provides that:

"SECTION 5. *The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy.*"

"SECTION 13. *The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.*"

"SECTION 15. *The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.*"

The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 particularly Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9165 unequivocally declares that:

"SECTION 2. *It is the policy of the state to provide effective mechanisms or measures to re-integrate into society individuals who have fallen victims to drug abuse or drug dependence through sustainable programs of treatment and rehabilitation.*"

The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), being the lead agency in the enforcement of the anti-drug law, is primarily mandated and tasked, among others, to suppress the supply of dangerous drugs, arrest and apprehend all violators, and seize and confiscate the effects or proceeds of the crime. In 2015, PDEA reported out that they prevented the distribution of P2.86 billion worth of dangerous drugs and controlled precursors, including 575.72 kilograms of *shabu*, 2,902 pieces of ecstasy tablets and 11.49 kilograms of cocaine. They also rescued 221 minors who were user, pushers, drug den employees and drug den maintainers. The Dangerous Drug Board (DDB) is the national policy-making and strategy formulating body on all matters pertaining to drug abuse prevention and control. This Agency reported that based on their 2012 household survey the estimated number of drug users in the country is 1.3 Million.

Undeniably, drug addiction in the country is very much disturbing and alarming, positing a major problem in Philippine society. Pasig City has not been spared of this drug menace. Accordingly, to address this concern and problem, a drug rehabilitation center in Pasig City should be established. This is in consonance with the call of no less than the President to eradicate the drug peril in the country but, in my humble submission, there must be a concomitant obligation on the part of the Government to care and treat drug dependents.

This proposed measure for the establishment of a rehabilitation center will certainly provide care and treatment including accommodation to drug dependents. It will assist and help these drug dependents' for their reintegration to the community, by aiding them to adjust, physically, socially and psychologically, not only in their own family life but integration to the whole society, as well.

Hence, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought for.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE CITY OF PASIG
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Creation. – There shall be established under the supervision of the Department of Health (DOH) a Drug Rehabilitation Center in the City of Pasig.

SEC. 2. Mandate and Function. – The center shall have the following mandate and functions.

- a) To provide care, treatment and accommodation to persons found to be drug dependent;
- b) To bring a drug dependent to a state where he/she is physically, and psychologically and socially capable of coping with problems coping 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;
- 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 to regain self confidence, rediscover his working abilities and develop a sense of responsibility for himself;

- f) To encourage the formation of organizations and associations 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 and social workers on the practical and science methods of prevention, care treatment and rehabilitation of persons found to be drug dependents;
- h) To strengthen the spiritual and emotional 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 programs for the rehabilitation of drug dependents and other related cases within the City of Pasig.

SEC. 3. *Site of the Drug Rehabilitation Center.* – The center shall be placed in the City of Pasig, the location of which to be identified by the local government unit.

SEC. 4. *Organization and Qualification.* – The center shall be headed by a Director who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health upon recommendation of the City Mayor and vested with powers generally exercised by a Chief of a government hospital.

No person shall be appointed as Director unless he possesses the following qualifications:

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

SEC. 5. *Personnel complement.* – 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.

SEC. 6. *Development Plan.* – The Center, through its Director is authorized to formulate and implement 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;
- b) To initiate plans for the development of income generating programs for the ultimate purpose of generating resources to provide charity services;

c) To provide hospital pharmacy services, free dispensaries and health stations; and

d) To provide educational facilities for inters and graduate and undergraduate students of medicine.

SEC. 7. *Government assistance to the Drug Rehabilitation Center.* – The Secretary of Department 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.

SEC. 8. *Implementing 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.

SEC. 9. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the establishment and operationalization of the Pasig City Drug Rehabilitation Center shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified.

SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.* – If for any reason any section or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions thereof, shall not be repealed or modified.

SEC. 12. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect upon its complete publication in a least (2) national newspaper in general circulation.

Approved,