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Explanatory Note

After President Rodrigo Duterte assumed his office in 2016, the President launched a nationwide crackdown against illegal drugs as he seeks to address and end the country's deepening drugs crisis.

According to the 2015 Nationwide Survey on the Nature and Extent of Drug Abuse in the Philippines there are around 1.8 million current drug users in the country. The survey likewise shows that lifetime drug use prevalence is around 6.1% of the same sample population. In 2019, officers of the PNP, NBI, and PDEA believe that the numbers of users may have increased to around 7 to 8 Million around the country.

This representation recognizes the problem posed by the proliferation of illegal drugs in our communities especially its ill-effects on our youth, thus, it is necessary and very timely that we establish a holistic approach to strengthen the country's drive against illegal drugs.

This measure seeks to establish the Anti-Illegal Drug Campaign and Research (AIDCARE) Fund, a fund exclusively for the creation of a nationwide education and awareness program on illegal drugs; to implement a mandatory training for local government unit personnel involved with the enforcement, research, and policymaking on illegal drugs; to establish a national helpline for drug abusers; and, to create a public registry of drug dealers, pushers and traffickers. Funds for the purpose of this measure may be included under the annual budgets of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Education (DepEd), Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Authority (PDEA).

If the government seeks to deter the mass proliferation of illegal drugs, we must rally the different agencies of government for such endeavor in order for it to succeed. In view of the foregoing, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CREATING A NATIONAL ANTI-ILLEGAL DRUG CAMPAIGN AND RESEARCH
PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “National
2 AIDCARE Program”.

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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the
5 State to maintain peace and order and to promote general welfare of its people by
6 creating an empathetic hand that complements the iron fist of government crusade
7 against illegal drugs through creating a national program that would help reform
8 drug abusers, who are victims of ill-minded individuals involved in illegal drugs
9 trade, through competent civil servants and effective anti-illegal drugs policies.

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11 **SEC. 3. Anti-Illegal Drug Campaign and Research Fund.** – There is
12 hereby a National Anti-Illegal Drug Campaign and Research Program
13 (AIDCARE) Fund included under the annual budgets of the Department of
14 Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Education (DepEd),
15 Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), and Philippine Drug Enforcement Authority
16 (PDEA), in addition to the appropriations of these agencies under the General
17 Appropriations Act, for the implementation of the National AIDCARE Program.

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19 Such fund shall be exclusively used for the following components:

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- a. Nationwide Education and Awareness Strategy on Illegal Drugs;
- b. Mandatory Training for Local Government Unit (LGU) Personnel involved with the enforcement, research, and policymaking on illegal drugs and other related substances of abuse;
- c. Nationwide Study on the Nature and Extent of Drug Abuse;
- d. National Helpline for Drug Abusers; and
- e. Public Registry of Drug Dealers, Pushers, and Traffickers.

The amount of the National AIDCARE Fund shall be determined by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) in coordination with the DILG, DepEd, PDEA, and DDB.

SEC. 4. *Creation of a Nationwide Education and Awareness Program on Illegal Drugs.* – A Nationwide Education and Awareness Program on Illegal Drugs shall be created by the DepEd that shall either be included in the K-to-12 curriculum or instituted as a regular and frequent co-curricular activity or event done in all public schools covering all levels of basic education.

The composition of the Nationwide Education and Awareness Program on Illegal Drugs shall be reviewed, and if necessary, updated, by the DepEd annually to ensure its effectiveness. Further, the DILG shall provide necessary resources, personnel and other materials for the development of the Nationwide Education and Awareness Program.

SEC. 5. *Development and Implementation of a Mandatory Training for Local Government Unit Personnel.* – A training program shall be developed by the DDB, in coordination with the DILG, to enhance the knowledge and to improve the capacity of Local Government Unit (LGU) personnel on the subject of illegal drugs and related substances of abuse. The syllabus of this training program shall be updated by the same agency annually.

The DILG and its provincial offices shall implement such training program, to be held at least bi-annually, depending on the need of the LGU, as determined by the same agency. Further, an annual evaluation to measure the

1 proficiency of LGUs on the same subject shall be created and published by the
2 DILG.

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4 **SEC. 6. *Nationwide Study on the Nature and Extent of Drug Abuse.*** – A
5 Nationwide Study on the Nature and Extent of Drug Abuse shall be created and
6 initiated by the DDB, in cooperation with the DILG and PDEA. The methodology
7 of this study shall be determined by the DDB: Provided, That the same shall have
8 a proportional sampling to provide a balanced representation of all regions and
9 provinces in the country.

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11 The Nationwide Study must be annually submitted to the President and to
12 Congress, particularly to the Congressional Committee on Dangerous Drugs and
13 to the Senate Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs. The same shall
14 be made accessible to the public through an online website.

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16 For purposes of this Act, the Nationwide Study on the Nature and Extent
17 of Drug Abuse shall, at least, provide results up to the municipal level.

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19 **SEC. 7. *Establishment of a National Helpline for Drug Abuse.*** – A
20 National Helpline for Drug Abuse shall be established and maintained by the
21 DILG, in coordination with PDEA and DDB, that must be always operational and
22 can be reached either through a phone number, a real-time online website, or a
23 mobile application.

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25 The National Helpline should provide instructions to drug users or persons
26 who contacted the helpline on behalf of the drug user, particularly in referring
27 affected individuals to appropriate drug rehabilitation centers, or in emergency
28 cases, provide immediate paramedic response.

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30 **SEC. 8. *Creation of a Public Registry of Drug Dealers, Pushers, and***
31 ***Traffickers.*** – In order to produce a holistic National AIDCARE Program, a
32 Public Registry listing of drug dealers, pushers, and traffickers with final
33 conviction by judicial courts shall be created and maintained by the PDEA, in

1 cooperation with the Department of Justice (DOJ), DILG, Philippine National
2 Police (PNP), and the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

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4 This Public Registry shall contain the information of these convicted drug
5 dealers, pushers, and traffickers and be accessible to all individuals.

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7 **SEC. 9. *Review of Anti-Illegal Drugs Programs.*** – To prevent the
8 redundancy of programs on anti-illegal drugs and related substances of abuse, the
9 DILG, DDB, and PDEA, shall review similar programs and projects of all
10 National Government Agencies, in order to determine those that may duplicate
11 components of the National Anti-Illegal Drugs Program.

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13 The same agencies shall recommend the rationalization of these identified
14 programs to its implementing agency, which shall then be reported to the
15 President and to Congress, particularly to the Congressional Committee on
16 Dangerous Drugs and Senate Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs.

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18 **SEC. 10. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The DILG, in
19 consultation with the DBM, DOJ, DepEd, PDEA, DDB, PNP, NBI, and other
20 concerned agencies shall promulgate and issue the IRR within sixty (60) days
21 upon approval of this Act: Provided, That the failure of DILG to promulgate the
22 rules and regulations shall not prevent the implementation of this Act upon its
23 effectivity.

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25 **Sec. 11. *Reportorial Requirements.*** – The DILG and the DepEd, in
26 cooperation with PDEA and DDB, shall submit an annual report on the
27 implementation of the National AIDCARE Program, particularly on the utilization
28 of the National AIDCARE Fund, the National Education and Awareness Program,
29 the evaluation of LGUs resulting from the mandatory training program, and the
30 effectiveness of the nationwide helpline for drug users, to Office of the President,
31 DBM, the Congressional Committee on Dangerous Drugs, and the Senate
32 Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs.

1 **SEC. 12. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act shall be held
2 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall
3 remain in full force and effect.

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5 **SEC. 13. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, executive orders or issuances, or
6 any parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended
7 accordingly.

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9 **SEC. 14. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
10 after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,