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Introduced by Representatives **John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto, Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Dale "Along" R. Malapitan, Eric M. Martinez, and Rolando M. Valeriano**

EXPLANATORY NOTE


This bill seeks to create an accessible and affordable rehabilitation and social reintegration center in Metro Manila and in every province in the Philippines for people who fell into illegal drug abuse.

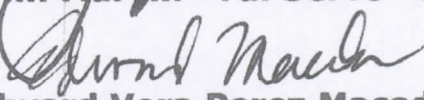
Illegal drug abuse and addiction among the Filipinos has been a problem that the current administration has been trying to resolve. Since the President's declaration of his commitment to eradicate illegal drugs from the country, many of these people have turned themselves in and availed themselves of rehabilitation programs.

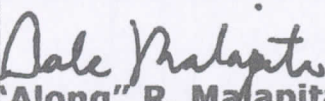
However, many Filipinos, especially in less privileged areas of the country, still do not have access to affordable rehabilitation and social reintegration programs.

It is high time that we, the government, put mechanisms in place that will cater to our constituents who desire to make their lives better. We must not condemn our *kababayans* who merely fell into the trap of drug addiction. Instead, let us help them help themselves in their personal development and their eventual reintegration to society.

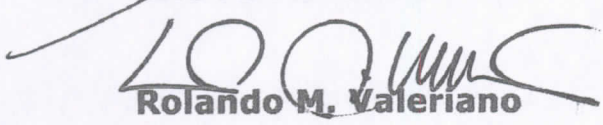
Due to the evident urgency of this matter, we are seeking the immediate passage of this measure.


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AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REHABILITATION CENTER

FOR ILLEGAL DRUGS USERS IN METRO MANILA AND EVERY PROVINCE OF THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. PROVINCIAL DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER. There shall be established, through the Department of Health (DOH), jointly with the Department of Social Welfare and Development of (DSWD), the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the concerned provincial government, a Rehabilitation Center for Illegal Drugs Users in Metro Manila and every province in the country.

SEC 2. LOCATION. The Provincial Governor, or the Metro Manila Development Authority, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and the Secretary of Public Works and Highways and the Local Government Units, shall determine the location of each Rehabilitation Center for Illegal Drugs Users, taking into consideration its accessibility of to the residents of remote areas.

SEC 3. LEAD AGENCY. The DOH, in coordination with the provincial government, shall exercise supervision and control over each Rehabilitation Center for Illegal Drugs Users, in addition to the duties and responsibilities of the Department under Section 76 of Republic Act No. (RA) 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

SEC 4. The program for the voluntary or compulsory submission of a drug dependent and other legal processes related thereby shall be in compliance to the provisions in Article VIII of RA 9165.

SEC 5. The Rehabilitation Center for Illegal Drugs Users shall provide affordable and accessible treatment and care to persons who committed abuse of illegal drugs and voluntarily submit

for rehabilitation. It shall further make available a comprehensive social reintegration program and follow-up for illegal drug dependents to prepare them for re-integration in the community after the treatment.

SEC 6. Funding - the funds necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the concerned government agencies as part of their annual budget.

SEC 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations- The DOH, in consultation with the DSWD and the DILG, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations within 90 days from the implementation of this Act.

SEC 8. Separability Clause- If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions not affected thereby.

SEC 9. Repealing Clause- All laws, parts of laws, decrees, presidential 5 issuances, proclamations, orders, ordinances, and administrative regulations in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

SEC 10. Effectivity Clause- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,