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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS**  
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**3598**  
**HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_**



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Introduced by Representative **FERDINAND L. HERNANDEZ**  
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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE**  
**DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN EVERY REGION OF THE**  
**COUNTRY FOR THE TREATMENT OF METHAMPHETAMINE**  
**HYDROCHLORIDE (SHABU), CANNABIS (MARIJUANA), INHALANTS**  
**(CONTACT CEMENT), HEROIN, OPIOIDS, COCAINE, 3,4-**  
**METHYLENEDIOXYMETHAMPHETAMINE (ECSTASY),**  
**PHENCYCLIDINE (PCP) AND OTHER SUBSTANCE DEPENDENCE**  
**AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The campaign against drug and substance abuse has never been these profound and intense in our times. No other than the President of the Philippines, Rodrigo Roa Duterte, in his first State of the Nation Address called on for the crackdown on sale, use and distribution of drugs in the country. The alarming number of drug and substance abuse in the country has continued to soar in an unprecedented increase. And up to this day, the resolute war against drugs is continuing.

In a report released by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), as of December 2015, 26.93% percent or 11, 321 out of the 42,036 barangays in the country are drug affected. Though the highest among the regions in terms of most affected area remains to be the National Capital Region, with 99.26% of barangays being affected, the nationwide scale of gravity of the situation becomes a national immediate concern. Increased crime rate and peace and order are now the consequence of the widespread drug consumption. The number of lost lives and families that were ruined by drugs have been constantly swelling.

In recent days, the vigorous campaign against drug users and dependents have resulted to an astonishing number of surrenderees. The "Project Tokhang" by the police and the local government units have yielded a staggering number pushers and users. And with these, the concerned local governments have been swamped with drug personalities. However, the challenge posed by these campaign highlighted the insufficient facilities and mechanism of the government to handle the enormous number of drug personalities. Not to mention the plans, approaches and strategies on how to bring them back to life and be useful members of the society.

It is on this note that this proposal has been filed. The initial establishment of a comprehensive drug rehabilitation center for every region is hereby proposed. The Center will cater to the residents of the region found to be a drug or substance dependent. The Center aims to provide for a holistic rehabilitation of the individual and prepare for the restoration of his life being. The center shall work on the principle of a balanced life which will include prayer, education, work, exercise and play and the continuum care of the patient is of utmost consideration.

With the foregoing, passage of the bill is hereby earnestly sought.

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*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 "Access  
2 to Drug and Substance Abuse Treatment Act of 2016".  
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4       **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.-** It is hereby declared the policy of  
5 the State to provide each and every Filipino a safe and non-violent society  
6 that is free from drug and substance abuse. Treatment and rehabilitation  
7 of drug and substance dependence should be made accessible to Filipinos  
8 in order to bring them back to their functional state and be useful  
9 members of the society.  
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11       **SEC. 3. Purposes.-** It is the purpose of this Act to-

- 1 a) Reduce the crime rate and improve public safety by  
2 making treatment for treatment for methamphetamine  
3 hydrochloride (shabu), cannabis (marijuana), inhalants  
4 (contact cement), heroin, opioids, cocaine, 3,4-  
5 methylenedioxymethamphetamine (ecstasy),  
6 phencyclidine (PCP) and other substances that may be  
7 declared by the Dangerous Drugs Board as may be  
8 subject to addiction and abuse available for the  
9 Filipinos;
- 10 b) Provide for a wholistic rehabilitation of a drug and  
11 substance dependents by offering a mind, body and  
12 spiritual care of individuals found to be drug and  
13 substance dependents;
- 14 c) Help identify root causes and the most effective  
15 method of treatment for methamphetamine  
16 hydrochloride (shabu), cannabis (marijuana), inhalants  
17 (contact cement), heroin, opioids, cocaine, 3,4-  
18 methylenedioxymethamphetamine (ecstasy),  
19 phencyclidine (PCP) and substances abuse;
- 20 d) Offer a learning and educational track that will put back  
21 to school the victims of drug and substance abuse; and
- 22 e) Strengthen the emotional and spiritual make-up of an  
23 individual drug and substance dependent by conducting  
24 regular guidance and counseling sessions as well as  
25 interdenominational church services.
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27 **SEC. 4. Establishment of a Comprehensive Treatment and**  
28 **Rehabilitation Center.** - There shall be established a comprehensive  
29 drug abuse treatment and rehabilitation center in every region of the  
30 country under the supervision of the Department of Interior and Local  
31 Government, hereinafter referred to as the "Center".

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1       The Secretary of Secretary of Interior and Local Government, the  
2 Chief of the Philippine National Police, in coordination with the  
3 Secretaries of Education, Health, Public Works and Highways, and the  
4 Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education, shall determine the  
5 appropriate location of each regional drug rehabilitation center taking  
6 into consideration the accessibility of the facilities to most of its patients.

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8       Each center shall have an initial bed capacity of five (500) hundred  
9 and will be increased depending on the recommendation of the  
10 Department of Interior and Local Government.

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12       The Center will provide for a comprehensive and intensive  
13 rehabilitation treatment for the drug and substance abuse with qualified  
14 medical and clinical professionals with a planned 24-hour care and  
15 monitoring scheme.

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17       A wrap-around comprehensive treatment shall include the following  
18 services:

- 19       a) Medical services;
- 20       b) Dental services;
- 21       c) Mental health services;
- 22       d) Educational and on the job training services; and
- 23       e) Spiritual services.

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25       **SEC. 5. Organization.** – Each regional drug rehabilitation center  
26 shall be headed by an Executive Director and two (2) Deputy Executive  
27 Directors, who shall appointed by the Secretary of Interior and Local  
28 Government, upon the recommendation by the Secretary of Health. He  
29 shall be vested with powers generally exercised by a Chief and Assistant  
30 Chief, respectively, by that of a government hospital.

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

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- 4 a) At least thirty-five (35) years of age;
  - 5 b) A physician of good reputation; and
  - 6 c) At least five (5) years experience in the care, treatment  
7 and rehabilitation of drug dependents.
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9 **SEC. 6. Personnel and Staff.-** The Director shall appoint such  
10 other personnel and staff as may be necessary for the effective operation  
11 of the Center subject to existing laws, rules and regulations of the Civil  
12 Service.

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14 **SEC. 7. Admission and Stay in the Center.-** A person may be  
15 admitted in the Center after a thorough evaluation and a  
16 recommendation by a government physician that an individual is a  
17 methamphetamine hydrochloride (shabu), cannabis (marijuana),  
18 inhalants (contact cement), heroin, opioids, cocaine, 3,4-  
19 methylenedioxymethamphetamine (ecstasy), phencyclidine (PCP) and  
20 other substances affected person and found to have abused or is a  
21 dependent of the drug or substances.

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- 23 a) In Patient Treatment Program- A person may be admitted  
24 for residential in-patient treatment program for  
25 methamphetamine hydrochloride (shabu), cannabis  
26 (marijuana), inhalants (contact cement), heroin, opioids,  
27 cocaine, 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (ecstasy),  
28 phencyclidine (PCP) and other substances abuse until he is  
29 finally free from drug and substance abuse and  
30 dependency and his re-entry into the community.

1           b) Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program- A treatment  
2           program that provides for drug and substance abuse  
3           management thru:

- 4                 1) A minimum of seven (7) hours of treatment for  
5                 drug and substance abuse during a week;
- 6                 2) A regular scheduled treatment sessions with  
7                 structured guidelines and procedure;
- 8                 3) Treatment sessions under strict supervision by  
9                 health professionals and clinicians.

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11           **SEC. 8. Duration of Treatment.**- Upon certification by the  
12           Executive Director that the patient has been fully treated or treatment  
13           and follow up may done through out-patient management, the patient  
14           may be discharged from the Center.

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16           **SEC. 9. Five Year Development Plan.**- Each regional drug  
17           rehabilitation center, through its Executive Director, shall be authorized to  
18           develop a five year development plan to fulfill the following:

- 19                 a) The establishment and building of facilities equipped with  
20                 new and modern equipment to serve and cater to drug and  
21                 substance dependents of the region;
- 22                 b) Provide for hospital pharmacy services, free dispensaries  
23                 and health stations;
- 24                 c) Provide educational facilities for drug and substance  
25                 dependents of the region;
- 26                 d) Provide for learning facility for interns, graduate and  
27                 undergraduate students of medicine;
- 28                 e) Initiate plans for the development of income generating  
29                 programs for the ultimate purpose of generating resources  
30                 to provide charity services.



1       **SEC. 10. Government Assistance to the Center.-** The Secretary  
2 of Interior and Local Government is hereby authorized to call upon any  
3 department, bureau, agency or instrumentality of the government for  
4 such assistance as may be necessary to effectively implement this Act.  
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6       **SEC. 11. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within ninety  
7 (90) days upon approval of this Act, the Secretary of Local Government  
8 as the lead agency, in coordination with the Secretaries of Education,  
9 Health , Public Works and Highways, the Chief of the Philippine National  
10 Police, the Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education and the  
11 Executive Director of the Center shall promulgate rules and regulations as  
12 may be necessary to secure an efficient administration of the Center and  
13 the effective implementation of this Act.  
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15       **SEC. 12. Annual Report.-** The Executive Director of the Centers  
16 shall each submit a report to the Secretary of Interior and Local  
17 Government which shall be consolidated and will be submitted to  
18 Congress every opening of session on the status of the implementation of  
19 this Act.  
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21       **SEC. 13. Appropriations.-** The amount necessary for the  
22 implementation of the this Act shall be charged against the current  
23 appropriations of the Department of Interior and Local Government.  
24 Thereafter, such amount necessary for the continued operation of the  
25 comprehensive regional drug rehabilitation centers shall be included in  
26 the Annual General Appropriations Act.  
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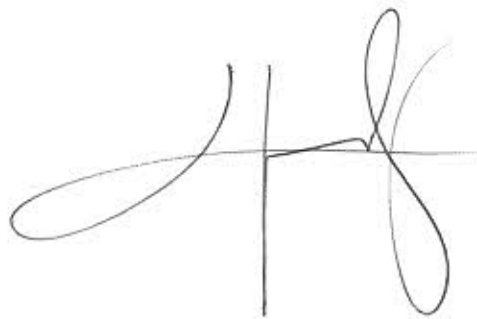
28       **SEC. 14. Repealing Clause.-** All laws, decrees, executive orders,  
29 rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are  
30 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended  
31 or modified accordingly.  
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2       **SEC. 15. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act is  
3 declared invalid, the provision thereof not affected by the by such  
4 declaration shall remain in force and effect.

5       **SEC. 16. Effectivity.-** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days  
6 following its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper  
7 of general circulation.

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