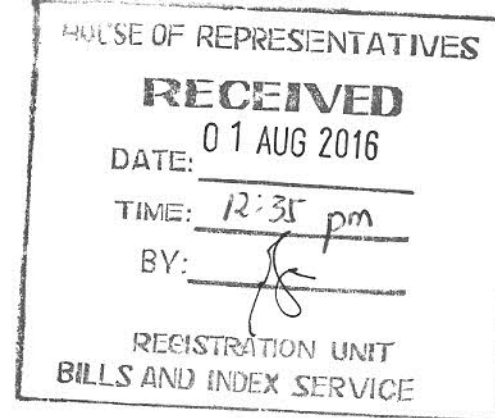


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Explanatory Note

Illegal drugs remains a major problem in the country. However, the fight against illegal drugs cannot be won without addressing the problem of drug dependence.

Supply side interventions- such as the destruction of clandestine laboratories and the prosecution of drug lords- must be complemented by demand-side interventions.

We should not only seize supplies of *shabu* but also rehabilitate *shabu* users

Drug addiction remains a major problem in the country. Around one fifth of barangays in the country have drug-related cases as of January 2016.¹

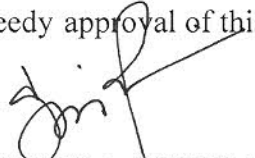
However, dozens of drug dependents have recently started to voluntarily turn themselves to the police in response to the current administration's zero-tolerance policy against illegal drugs.

While this is a sign of progress, this also emphasizes our shortage of functioning drug rehabilitation centers.

To quote a recent newspaper report, "As the number of drug dependents surrendering to authorities continues to spike, the government is now faced with the problem of where to place them as the number of existing rehabilitation centers cannot accommodate them all at the same time."²

This bill thus seeks establishing a drug rehabilitation center in every province and highly urbanized city of the country.

Speedy approval of this measure is eagerly sought.


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AN ACT

**ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHAIBILITATION CENTER IN EVERY PROVINCE AND
HIGHLY URBANIZED CITY OF THE COUNTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1 **SECTION 1.***Declaration of State Policy-* The State recognizes that dangerous drugs are
2 a threat to the peace and order of the country. Pursuant to this, the State shall complement its
3 pursuit of individuals and groups involved in the production and distribution of drugs with the
4 provision of accessible rehabilitation and treatment services to users of dangerous drugs in the
5 country.
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7 **SECTION 2.***Creation of Drug Rehabilitation Centers-* There shall be established, under
8 the supervision of the Department of Health, a Drug Rehabilitation Center in every province and
9 highly urbanized city of the country, hereafter referred to as "the Center". The Dangerous Drugs
10 Board, in coordination with the Department of Health and concerned Local Government Units,
11 shall determine the type and service capacity of the Center to be built on a case to case basis.
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13 **SECTION 3.***Mandate-* The Center shall be mandated to:
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15 a.) To provide care, treatment and accommodation to persons found to be drug
16 dependents;
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18 b.) To provide after-care, follow-up and social reintegration services to enable a drug
19 dependent to adjust to family and community life after his release;
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21 **SECTION 4.***Organization and Staffing-* Each Center shall be headed by one Director to
22 be assisted by two (2) Deputy Directors who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health. The
23 Director and Deputy Directors shall have the general powers exercised by a Chief and Assistant
24 Chiefs, respectively, of a government hospital.
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26 No person shall be appointed Director or Deputy Director unless he possesses the
27 following classifications:
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29 a.) At least thirty (30) years of age;
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31 b.) A physician of good standing; and

c.) Has at least three (3) years of experience in the care, treatment and rehabilitation of drug users.

The Director shall appoint other staff as may be necessary subject to guidelines issued by the Department of Health.

SECTION 5.*Salary and Benefits of Directors and Personnel*- the Director and Deputy Directors of the Center shall receive the salaries and benefits equivalent to a Chief of Hospital II and Chief of Hospital I, respectively.

Physicians and nurses who serve in the Centre shall receive the salaries and benefits of a Medical Officer IV and Nurse IV, respectively.

SECTION 6.*Location of the Center*- The Secretary of Health, in consultation with the Secretary of Public Works and Highways and concerned Local Government Units shall determine the location of the center thereof.

SECTION 7.*Training and Technical Assistance*- the Department of Health, through its regional offices, shall provide training and technical support to the personnel and staff of the Centre.

SECTION 8.*Appropriations*- The sum necessary to implement this Act shall be sourced from:

- a) The appropriations of the Department of Health under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the amounts needed for the operations of the center shall be indicated as a separate line item under the annual appropriations of the Department of Health.
- b) Proceeds from the operations of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) and the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation, as provided under Republic Act 9165, otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002"

The fund may be augmented by grants, donations and endowments from domestic and foreign sources, pursuant to existing laws and regulations

SECTION 9.*Implementing Rules and Regulations*-The Department of Health shall issue rules and regulations for the implementation of this act no later than thirty (30) days after its effectivity

SECTION 10.*Separability Clause*- If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 11.*Repealing Clause*- All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to this Act, are hereby deemed accordingly repealed or amended.

SECTION 12.*Effectivity Clause*- This Act shall take effect upon its approval and completion of publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,