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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING CITY AND MUNICIPAL REHABILITATION CENTERS
FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES**

EXPLANATORY NOTES:

As poverty still a problem of our country, many constituents asked the Government for help in cash or kind, for support for health, education and many reasons. A citizen who generate lower or equal than a minimum wage with a disabled relative (descendant or ascendant) has a lot of problems not only what to feed his/her family but how to take care the disabled relative and how to give his/her needs.

In order to help the development of the physical and mentality of a disabled person who cannot afford the service of an institution who manage to promote of their welfare, this bill seeks to help indigent persons in nurturing their relatives who are disabled who are still in the stage of childhood or "batang-isip" to rehabilitate their physical and mental condition to be able to connect to the society.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development shall supervise the program thru its Regional Office with the help of Local Government Unit for implementing this affair.

The Constitution provides that "The states 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. More so, paragraph 5, Section 2 of ARTICLE XIV of the Constitution provides that "The State shall (5) provide adult citizens, the disabled and out-of-school youth with training in civics, vocational efficiency, and other skills. It is the duty of the state to ensure the proper nurture of the youth because the latter are the future of our nation.

By virtue of these reasons, the approval of this Act is hereby sought.

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SECTION 1. *Short Title* – This act shall be known as the “**REHABILITATION CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES.**”

SECTION 2. *Declaration Policy and state policy* - ARTICLE II of Declaration of Principles and States Policies Section 13 states “The states 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. More so, paragraph 5, Section 2 of ARTICLE XIV of the Constitution provides that “The State shall (5) provide adult citizens, the disabled and out-of-school youth with training in civics, vocational efficiency, and other skills.

SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms:*

- (a). Rehabilitation Center – an institution providing for the therapy for the children and youth disabled.
- (b). Disabilities – is the consequences of an impairment that may be physical, cognitive, intellectual, mental, sensory, development, or some combination of these that result in restriction on an individual’s ability to participate in what is considered “normal” in their society. A disability may be present from birth or occur during a person’s lifetime.

(c). Children or youth with disabilities – any person under the age of 15 or whose mind is the same as a child who are suffering from physical or mental disorder.

SECTION 4. *Creation of Rehabilitation Center* - A Rehabilitation Center in every City and Municipal shall be created to provide assistance to children and youth with disabilities for their development. It will be manage by the Department of Social Welfare and Development or Local Government Unit whichever is possible in every City or Municipality.

Section 5. *Source of Fund for the Rehabilitation Center* - The appropriate fund shall be allocated from the General Appropriations Act (GAA) or any other government fund source.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause* – If any part of provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected hereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. Effectivity --This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days alter its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,