

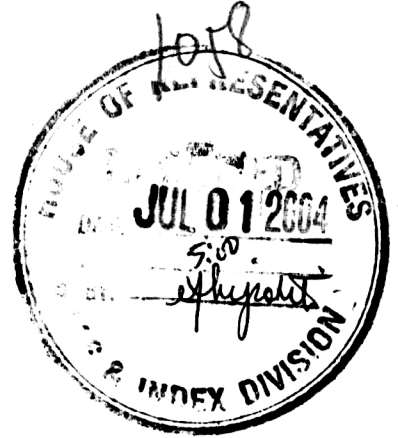
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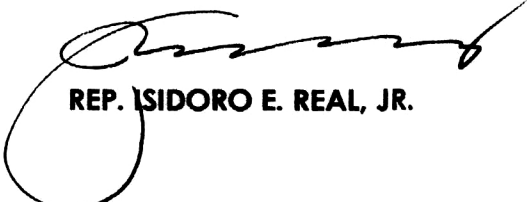
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish a District Drug Rehabilitation Center in the Aurora District Hospital in Aurora, Zamboanga del Sur, to provide an adequate rehabilitation facility for drug dependents in the Province of Zamboanga del Sur.

For the ugly tentacles of drug abuse, aptly called the scourge of the century, have crept into and invaded many areas in our country. Uncontrolled, it destroys the drug dependent, wreaks havoc on the whole family, leads to crimes of violence, and gravely threatens the stability of society and the whole nation. And sadly, it causes a waste of valuable human resources - the potential of every human being to be productive, to contribute his talents to the betterment of society, to be the best of himself. All these, with the accompanying dreams, ambitions and visions, go down the drain, devoured and lost in the treacherous quagmires of drug abuse.

Yet, the drug dependent should be viewed more as a victim, not a criminal. His rehabilitation should be a program that the family, the whole society and the government should fully support and give utmost importance to. Before resigning to a state of helplessness over the condition of a drug dependent, the government should give him a chance to be cured, to be freed from the demons brought about by drugs and to once again be the rational human being who can start to dream again, to work, to reach his full potential and contribute to national development.

Approval of this Bill, therefore, is of great urgency.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE AURORA DISTRICT
HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AURORA, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL
SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the Aurora District Hospital in
the Municipality of Aurora, Province of Zamboanga del Sur, a District Drug
Rehabilitation Center for drug dependents. The structure, physical and
administrative, of the Drug Rehabilitation Center shall be patterned after the
existing Treatment and Rehabilitation Center for Drug Dependents at Tagaytay
City.

SEC. 2. There shall be created a District Drug Rehabilitation Board to be
composed of the following:

- a) The Department of Health (DOH) Regional Director as Chairman;
 - b) The Department of Justice (DOJ) Regional Director as Co-Chairman;
- and
- c) The incumbent Representative of the First Legislative District and the
incumbent Mayors of all the towns and component city within the legislative
district as members.

SEC. 3. The District Drug Rehabilitation Center established under this Act shall be operated and maintained by the Department of Health, as the lead agency, and the National Bureau of Investigation under the supervision of the District Drug Rehabilitation Board.

SEC. 4. The Department of Health and the Department of Justice shall promulgate, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Implementing Rules, Regulations and Guidelines necessary for the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. An initial amount of FOUR MILLION PESOS (PHP 4,000,000.00) shall be appropriated to implement the provisions of this Act to be funded from any available source in the National Treasury, which shall be used for the following purposes:

- a) Construction of Building, to be administered by the Department of Public Works and Highways; and
- b) Operation and Maintenance of the Center, including the hiring of personnel.

The above amount shall regularly be included in the Annual Budget of the Department of Health starting with the year immediately following the approval of this Act, with corresponding upward adjustments every year thereafter.

SEC. 6. All laws, orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 7. If any provision of this Act shall be held or declared invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,