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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2271**

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**Introduced by Honorable Eduardo V. Roquero, M.D.**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Illegal drugs menace is now considered public enemy number one all over the world and poses a grave threat to a country's national security. Our country has alarmingly penetrated almost all sectors and levels of society including government, business and even law enforcement agencies, and a little more time before our country becomes another Colombia.

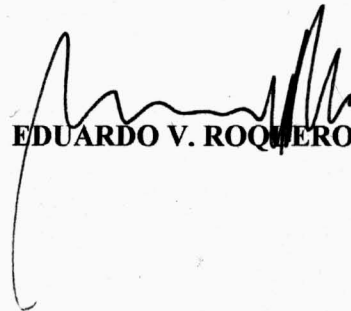
The battle against illegal drugs is no less critical and no less immediate than the government's war against banditry, Muslim and communist insurgencies, terrorism and other organized crime syndicates of our society. The damaging effect of illegal drugs gobbles the very heart and hope of our country—the youth and the future generations that shall people our land and lead our nation.

The fact of many lives that are ruined and even lost by illegal drugs, some families are broken and brains are ruined just to give way to the gluttony of the few, it is just right and proper that our government is now on its total war against illegal drugs. As we envision leading this total war against illegal drugs, measures should be passed to encourage the participation of the Local Government Units in both prevention and control of this illegal menace.

To eradicate or prevent the spread of illicit drug traffic in our country is one among of our most and immediate concern. As we drive towards this objective we should not, however, forget that drug dependents are not criminal element of our society but victims who are in

need of medical and psychiatric treatment and could still become useful members of our society. Our government should likewise direct its national programs to promote and sustain the treatment and rehabilitation of the victims of drug abuse, especially in the critical after-care and social reintegration stages. Turning back a person to the state of being where he can successfully cope with the physical, psychological and social demands of the family and community including their spiritual motivations is one way of helping them to become a useful and productive member of the society.

It is in the establishment of the City of San Jose del Monte – Drug Rehabilitation Center (CSJDM-DRC) that we can provide the most accessible services to every drug dependent the required medical facilities for their speedy recovery from physical and mental trauma brought about by illegal drugs. Hence, passage of this bill is earnestly urged.



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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, HEREINAFTER KNOWN AS THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER (CSJDM – DRC) APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1           **SECTION 1. Creation.** – There shall be established under the supervision of  
2           the Department of Health, a drug rehabilitation center in the City of San Jose del Monte,  
3           Bulacan, to be known as City of San Jose del Monte Drug Rehabilitation Center.

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5           **SECTION 2. Objectives and Functions.** – The Center shall have the  
6           following objectives and functions:

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8           (1)    To provide care, treatment and accommodation to persons found to be drug  
9           dependents;

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11          (2)    To bring a drug dependent to a state where he is physically, psychologically and  
12          socially capable of coping with problems common to his peer group;

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14          (3)    To facilitate and encourage the dissemination and exchange of ideas and  
15          information on the prevention, care treatment and control of drug addiction;

- 1 (4) To provide after-care, follow-up and social reintegration services to enable a  
2 drug dependent to adjust to family and community life after his release;  
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- 4 (5) To provide each drug dependent motivation to regain self-confidence, rediscover  
5 his working abilities and develop a sense of responsibility for himself;  
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- 7 (6) To encourage the formation of organizations and associations composed of  
8 parents, guardians and immediate relatives of drug dependents in order to  
9 stimulate their awareness and enhance their participation in the care, treatment  
10 and rehabilitation of their relatives or wards found to be drug dependent patients;  
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- 12 (7) To undertake continuous training of physicians, nurses, health officers, and  
13 social workers on the practical and scientific methods of prevention, care,  
14 treatment and rehabilitation of persons found to be drug dependents;  
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- 16 (8) To strengthen the emotional and spiritual framework of a drug dependent by  
17 conducting regular guidance and counseling sessions as well as  
18 interdenominational church service.  
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20 **SECTION 3. Organization.** – The center shall be headed by a Director to be  
21 assisted by two (2) Deputy Directors who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health  
22 and vested with powers generally exercised by a Chief and Assistant Chiefs,  
23 respectively, of a government hospital.  
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25 No person shall be appointed as Director or Deputy Director unless he  
26 possesses the following qualifications:  
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- 28 (a) At least thirty-five (35) years of age;  
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- 30 (b) A physician of good repute; and  
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- 31 (c) At least five (5) years experience in the care, treatment and rehabilitation of  
32 drug dependents  
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34 **SECTION 4. Personnel and Staff.** – The Director shall appoint and select  
35 such other personnel and staff as may be necessary for the effective operation of the  
36 Center subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

1           **SECTION 5. Drug Rehabilitation Center Development Plan.** – The Center,  
2 through its Director, shall be authorized to embark on a Drug Rehabilitation Center  
3 Development Plan for the fulfillment of the following:  
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5           (1) To establish additional building facility fully equipped with a new and  
6 most modern equipment to serve and cater not only to drug dependents  
7 from the City of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan but also from other  
neighboring cities and municipalities of the Province of Bulacan as well;  
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10          (2) To initiate plans and programs for the development of income generating  
11 projects for the ultimate purpose of generating resources to provide  
12 charity services;

13          (3) To provide hospital pharmacy services, free dispensaries and health  
14 stations; and  
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16          (4) To provide educational facilities for interns and graduate as well as the  
17 undergraduate of medicine.  
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19           **SECTION 6. Government Assistance to the Center.** – The Secretary of  
20 Health is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, agency or  
21 instrumentality of the government for any assistance as may be necessary to effective  
22 implementation of this Act.  
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24           **SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations** – The Director of the  
25 Center is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Secretary of Health, to promulgate  
26 such implementing rules and regulations as may be necessary to secure the most  
27 effective administration of the Center and the implementation of the provisions of  
28 this Act.  
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30           **SECTION 8. Appropriations.** – There is hereby appropriated the amount of  
31 EIGHTY MILLION PESOS (Php 80,000,000.00) for the construction of the necessary  
32 buildings and setting-up the necessary facilities of the Center. *Provided, however,* That  
33 the sum of THIRTY MILLION PESOS (Php 30,000,000.00) out of the said appropriation  
34 is hereby earmark for the acquisition of equipment, facilities and operating expenses of  
35 the Center for the calendar year Of 2005; *Provided, further,* That the same amount of  
36 THIRTY MILLION PESOS (Php 30,000,000.00) shall be appropriated every year

37 thereafter; beginning with the year 2006, out of the funds of the National Treasury not  
1 otherwise appropriated, for the support, development and operations of the  
2 City of San Jose Del Monte – Drug Rehabilitation Center (CSJDM – DRC).

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4 **SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any section of this Act  
5 shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions thereof  
shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in force and effect.

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8 **SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, executive orders, decrees,  
9 instructions, rules and regulations, contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this  
10 Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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12 **SECTION 11. *Effectivity Clause.*** –This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days  
13 after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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15 **Approved.**