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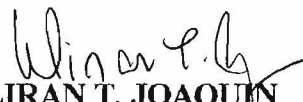
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a Drug Rehabilitation Center in the Municipality of Biñan, Province of Laguna.

It is common knowledge that drug addiction is the biggest threat to the country's socio-economic progress. It is a social cancer that is slowly wasting our human resource especially the youth. More and more of our citizens are being hooked on prohibited drugs because of curiosity, peer pressure and lack of proper education on the ill effects of its' use. Drug addiction transgresses all social classes, both genders, all religious affiliations, and almost all age groups.

The eradication of the use of illegal drugs depends on the active campaign of the government and the private sector. Everybody must be vigilant and active in combating the spread of illegal drugs.

However, we must keep in mind that drug dependents are not the criminal elements. They are also victims and as such, the society must provide avenues to help them return to the mainstream and become productive members of the society. Helping them to physically, emotionally and psychologically overcome their drug dependence may be financially and emotionally draining to their families and their resources thus a need to establish more government managed drug rehabilitation centers. Early passage of this bill is hereby earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF BIÑAN, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA TO BE KNOWN AS
THE BIÑAN DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Creation.* - There shall be established under the supervision of the Department of Health, a drug rehabilitation center in the Municipality of Biñan, Province of Laguna to be known as Biñan Rehabilitation Center.

SEC. 2. *Objectives and Functions.* - The Center shall have the following objectives and functions:

- (a) To provide care, treatment and accommodation to persons found to be drug dependents;
- (b) To bring a drug dependent to a state where he is physically, psychologically and socially capable of coping with problems common to his peer group;
- (c) To facilitate and encourage the dissemination and exchange of ideas and information on the prevention, care treatment and control of drug addiction;
- (d) To provide after-care, follow-up and social reintegration services to enable a drug dependent to adjust to family and community life after his release;
- (e) To provide each drug dependent motivation to regain self-confidence, rediscover his working abilities and develop a sense of responsibility for himself;

- (f) To encourage the formation of organizations and associations composed of parents, guardians and immediate relatives of drug dependents in order to enhance their participation in the care, treatment and rehabilitation of their relatives or wards found to be drug dependent patients;
- (g) To undertake continuous training of physicians, nurses, health officers and social workers on the practical and scientific methods of prevention, care treatment and rehabilitation of persons found to be drug dependents;
- (h) To strengthen the emotional and spiritual make-up of an individual drug dependent by conducting regular guidance and counseling sessions as well as interdenominational church service.

SEC. 3. *Organization.* - The Center shall be headed by a Director to be assisted by two (2) Deputy Directors who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health and vested with powers generally exercised by a Chief and Assistant Chiefs, respectively of a government hospital.

No person shall be appointed Director or Deputy Director unless he possesses the following qualifications:

- (a) At least thirty-five (35) years of age;
- (b) A physician of good repute;
- (c) At least five (5) years experience in the care, treatment and rehabilitation of drug dependents.

SEC. 4. *Personnel and Staff.* - The Director shall appoint such other personnel and staff as may be necessary for the effective operation of the Center subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 5. *Five-Year Development Plan.* - The Center, through its Director, shall be authorized to embark on a Five-Year Development Plan in the fulfillment of the following:

- (1) To establish additional building facility equipped with new and modern equipment to serve and cater not only to drug dependents from Region IV but from other neighboring regions as well;
- (2) To initiate plans for the development of income generating programs for the ultimate purpose of generating resources to provide charity services;
- (3) To provide hospital pharmacy services, free dispensaries and health stations; and
- (4) To provide educational facilities for interns and graduate and undergraduate of medicine.

SEC. 6. *Government Assistance to the Center.* - The Secretary of Health is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, agency or instrumentality of the government for such assistance as may be necessary to effectively implement this Act.

SEC. 7. *Rules and Regulations.* - The Director of the center is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Secretary of Health, to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to secure as effective administration of the Center and the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 8. *Appropriations.* - The sum necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations for the Department of Health under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount necessary for the continued operation of the Center shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,