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House Bill No. **4277**

Introduced by: **REP. LUIS P. BERSAMIN, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish a Provincial Drug Rehabilitation Center in Bangued, Abra, to provide an adequate rehabilitation facility for drug dependents in the province.

For the revolting limbs of drug abuse, dubbed as the scourge of the century, have tiptoed into and corrupted many parts of our country. Uncontrolled, it destroys the drug dependent, wreak 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 PROVINCIAL DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANGUED, PROVINCE OF ABRA, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE.

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 Municipality of Bangued, Province of Abra, a Provincial 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.

SECTION 2. There shall be created a Provincial 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 Lone District of Abra and the incumbent President of the Mayors League as members.

SECTION 3. The Provincial 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 Provincial Drug Rehabilitation Board.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 5. An initial amount of TEN MILLION PESOS (PHP 10,000,000.00) 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.

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 All laws, orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 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.

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

Approved,