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HOUSE BILL NO. 5860



EXPLANATORY NOTE

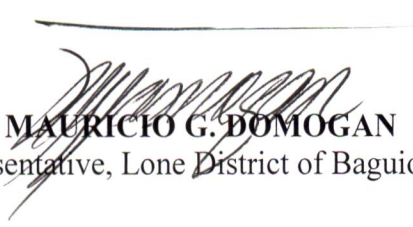
The bill seeks to establish a Drug Rehabilitation Center in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Section 2, paragraph 3 of Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 states that "it is the policy of the state to provide effective mechanisms or measures to re-integrate into society individuals who have fallen victims to drug abuse or drug dependence through sustainable programs of treatment and rehabilitation."

It is a common knowledge that the illegal drug menace is now considered as one of the many public enemies in our country today. It is posing a grave threat to national security, peace and order, and even to the enhancement of morality in our homes, schools, and society as a whole. The national government has come up with national laws against this menace and many agencies, to include a few local government units, have made good programs to combat this threat. /

Programs are good but there is a need to implement them properly by any good means with, of course, the needed funding to back up such programs. One of the good means is to put up Drug Rehabilitation Centers in every province, in every municipality, and in any barangay. Much as the government would want to do this, there is not enough money in the national coffers to make such a national priority program. The government has then to meet such a problem on a piecemeal and staggered basis. The establishment of one or two regional rehabilitation centers would be a concrete initial move before a nationwide program of such sort can be realized. Hence this bill for establishing the CAR Drug Rehabilitation Center, a reality that will fall within the limited budget of the government as it will, at the same time, serve as a true Philippine model for rehabilitating victims of drug abuse.

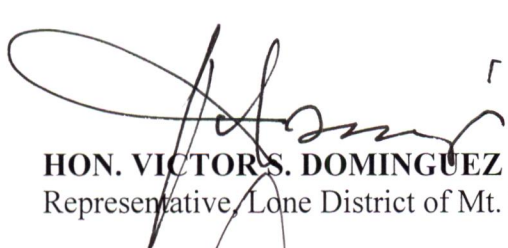
Considering the rationability of the foregoing, urgent approval of this bill to give it a chance to pass into law is imperative.



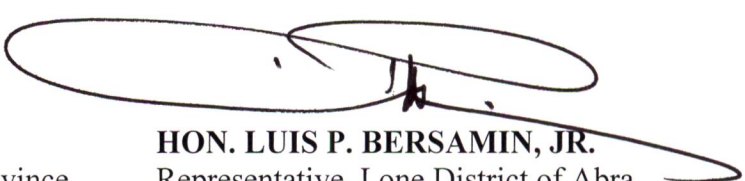
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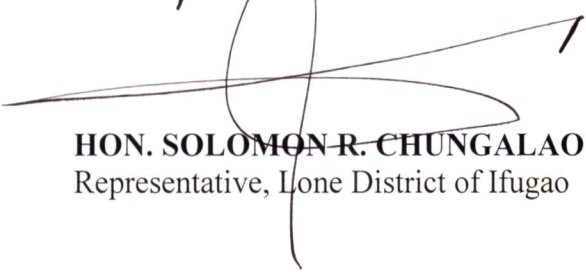
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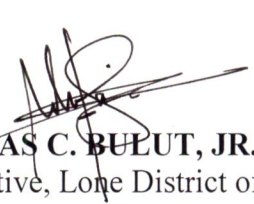
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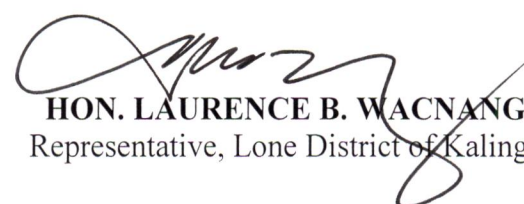
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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE
CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION TO BE KNOWN AS THE
CORDILLERA DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER (CDRC) AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 Cordillera Administrative Region hereinafter referred to as the “Cordillera Drug Rehabilitation Center.”

Section 2. Objectives and Functions. – The Regional Drug Rehabilitation Center shall have the following objectives and functions:

- (a) To accommodate, provide care, and treat persons found to be drug dependents;
- (b) To help each drug dependent become physically, psychologically, and socially capable of coping up with problems common to his peer group;
- (c) To motivate each drug dependent to regain self-confidence, rediscover his talents, working abilities, and re-develop a sense of responsibility for himself and for his peers;
- (d) To help strengthen the drug dependent’s emotional, moral and spiritual well-being by conducting regular guidance and counseling sessions and to encourage him to study and practice the faith to which he had been born, baptized, or affiliated;

- (e) To coordinate, encourage, and facilitate the dissemination and exchange of ideas and information on the prevention, care, treatment, and control of drug addiction;
- (f) To organize after-care, follow-up, and social integration services to enable the drug dependents to adjust to their families and community after their release;
- (g) To re-educate the people of Baguio and suburbs and all other interrelated organizations and communities to contribute their share in the care, treatment and rehabilitation of drug dependent patients;
- (h) To coordinate the continuous training and re-orientation of physicians, nurses, health officers, social workers, law enforcers, and teachers on the practical and scientific methods of detection, prevention, care, treatment and rehabilitation of persons identified as drug dependents.

Section 3. The Drug Rehabilitation Center Board. – there shall be created a Drug Rehabilitation Center Board composed of the following:

- (a) A Drug Rehabilitation Center Director;
- (b) A CAR-Regional DOH Health Director;
- (c) A Legal officer;
- (d) A representative elected by the chairmen of CAR Provincial and City Health Boards;
- (e) A representative from the religious sector;
- (f) A representative from the Department of Education-CAR;
- (g) An elected representative of the chairmen of the Provincial Health Boards and the chairman of the Baguio City Health Board;
- (h) The Police Regional Officer;
- (i) The CAR NBI Chief.

Section 4. Organization. – The Regional Drug Rehabilitation 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 government hospitals.

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 had a five (5) years experience in the care treatment, and rehabilitation of drug dependents.

Section 5. Personnel and Staff. – The Director shall appoint such other personnel and staff as may be necessary for the effective operation of the CAR Rehab Center subject to existing laws, rules, and regulations. A qualified records officer-researcher-librarian shall be appointed to keep a daily record and coordinate the researches connected to the operations of the Center.

Section 6. 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:

- (a) To establish additional building facilities equipped with new and modern equipments to serve and cater primarily to drug dependents from the Cordillera Administrative Region and secondarily to those from other neighboring regions as well;
- (b) To initiate plans for the development of income generating programs for the main purpose of generating resources to provide charity services;
- (c) To provide hospital pharmacy services, free dispensaries and health and health stations; and
- (d) To provide educational facilities for interns and undergraduate of medicines.

Section 7. Location of the Cordillera Drug Rehabilitation Center. – The Congressional Representatives from the Cordillera Administrative Region and the local government executives of the municipalities of the BLIST (Baguio City, La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba) area are hereby directed to identify and set aside a government property or public land within the BLIST area whereon to build the necessary facilities and offices for said Rehabilitation Center.

Section 8. 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.

Section 9. Rules and Regulation. – The Director of the Center is hereby authorized, with the Secretary of Health, to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to secure an effective administration of the Center and the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

Section 10. Appropriations. – The sum necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of 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.

Section 11. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,