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HOUSE BILL No. 3356

Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE RUBEN B. ECLEO, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines has been beset by myriad of problems that if not properly contained will grow into a very serious one that will burst into flames. The problem of drug addition has been given much attention that practically all the agencies of the government, including law enforcement agencies, and in cooperation with non-government organizations and civil society groups, have been involved. However, some more pressing social problems like the abandoned, disadvantaged, disabled and deprived children who continue to wander in most conspicuous places particularly in Metro Manila have gotten less attention from the government.

It is worthy to mention the most commonly proclaimed words of Dr. Jose Rizal that the youth is the fair hope of the Fatherland. But where shall the youth and adult be when at the early stage of the human development they are already left to roam and wander aimlessly totally uncared for and no shelter to lay their tired bodies and souls.

The environment plays a key role in supporting and extending children's development and learning. But where shall these abandoned and disadvantaged children turn to when everything appears to be hopeless. Even Jesus Christ according to the Holy Bible says "Let the children come to me". The government therefore must provide a safe haven so that the street children have a safe refuge.

There is an urgent need therefore for the government to exert efforts in promoting policies that will protect the best interest and welfare of the children.

This bill therefore seeks to establish a Child Welfare Center in every city and capital town under the direct supervision of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). This is to ensure that there must be a better future for every child

The foregoing reasons warrant the immediate approval of this bill.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHILD WELFARE CENTER
IN EVERY CITY AND CAPITAL TOWN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment.* - There shall be established a Child Welfare Center in every city and capital town under the direct supervision of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to provide the necessary child care, including food, shelter and clothing for children aged ten (10) year-old and below.

SEC. 2. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of the DSWD under the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The DSWD shall issue rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,