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INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSWOMAN AURORA ENERIO-CERILLES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Drug dependence has been a perennial problem of our society. It is so prevalent that it has even reached the far-flung barangays of the country. Moreover, it is a major factor in the increase of the incidence of crime.

The establishment of the Regional Drug Rehabilitation Center in San Pablo, Zamboanga del Sur is vital in addressing the problem of drug dependence. The facility aims to provide care, treatment and accommodation to drug-dependents in Zamboanga del Sur and the rest of Western Mindanao.

By establishing the rehabilitation center, we will be able to provide treatment for the physical and mental trauma brought about by the use of dangerous drugs and eventually save the lives of the drug-dependents and their family. Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. **Creation.** – There shall be a Regional Drug Rehabilitation Center established in the Province of Zamboanga del Sur under the supervision of the Department of Health.

SECTION 2. **Objectives and Functions.** – The center shall have the following objectives and function:

(a) To provide care, treatment and accommodation to persons found to be drug-dependent;

(b) To bring a drug-dependent to a state where he/she is physically, psychologically and socially capable of coping with problems and coping with 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 the 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 arouse their awareness and 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 services.

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2 SECTION 3. **Site of the Center.** – The center shall be placed in a Five (5)
3 Hectare property in Sitio Rebi, Barangay Teniapan, San Pablo, Zamboanga del Sur.
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5 SECTION 4. **Organization.** – The center shall be headed by a Director to be
6 assisted by two (2) Deputy Directors who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health
7 and vested with powers generally exercised by the Chief and Assistant Chiefs,
8 respectively, of the government hospital.
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10 No person shall be appointed Director or Deputy Director unless he possesses the
11 following qualifications:
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13 (a) At least thirty-five (35) years of age;

14 (b) A physician of good repute;

15 (c) At least five (5) years experience in the care, treatment and rehabilitation of
16 drug-dependents.
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20 SECTION 5. **Personnel and Staff.** – The Director shall appoint such other
21 personnel and staff as may be necessary for the effective operation of the center subject
22 to existing laws, rules and regulation.
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24 SECTION 6. **Five-Year Development Plan.** – The Center, through its Director,
25 shall be authorized to embark on a Five-Year Development Plan in the fulfillment of the
26 following:
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28 1. To establish additional building facilities equipped with new and modern
29 equipment to serve and cater to drug-dependents of the region;
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31 2. To initiate plans for the development of income-generating programs for the
32 ultimate purpose of generating resources to provide charity services;
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34 3. To provide hospital pharmacy services, free dispensaries and health stations;
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37 4. To provide educational facilities for interns and graduate and undergraduate
38 students of medicine.
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40 SECTION 7. **Government Assistance to the Center.** – The Secretary of Health
41 is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, agency or instrument of the
42 government for such assistance as may be necessary to effectively implement this Act.
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44 SECTION 8. **Rules and Regulations.** – The directors of the Center is hereby
45 authorized, with the approval of the Secretary of Health, to promulgate such rules and
46 regulations as may be necessary to secure an effective administration of the Center and
47 the effective implementation of the provision of this Act.
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49 SECTION 9. **Appropriations.** – The sum necessary for the effective
50 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations for the Department
51 of Health under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may
52 be necessary for the continued operation of the Center shall be included in the annual
53 General Appropriations Act.
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55 SECTION 10. **Separability Clause.** – If, for any reason, any section of this Act
56 shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions thereof shall
57 not be affected thereby and shall remain in force and effect.

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2 SECTION 11. **Repealing Clause.** – All laws, executive orders, decrees,
3 instruction, rules and regulations, contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this
4 Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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6 SECTION 12. **Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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8 Approved,