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HOUSE BILL NO. 6374

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JOEL MAYO Z. ALMARIO**

In a list released by the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) on July 2016, it was confirmed that there are only 50 drug treatment and rehabilitation centers across the country. Considering the number of arrests and surrenders that have occurred since the current administration heightened its fight on drug addiction and drug trafficking, the rehabilitation centers currently existing are not enough.

This bill seeks to strengthen the administration's crusade against illegal drugs by providing the supplementary tools needed to curb addiction in the form of a drug treatment and rehabilitation facility in the province of Davao Oriental.

As provided in R.A. 9165, otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002," the State shall "provide effective mechanisms or measures to re-integrate into society individuals who have fallen victims to drug abuse or dangerous drug dependence through sustainable programs of treatment and rehabilitation."

By providing a facility for the management and cure of drug dependence, those who became victims of drugs - either through desperation, poverty or ignorance - are given the chance to be cured and turn their lives around. However, rehabilitation and treatment of drug dependence is costly and inaccessible, particularly for those coming from the far-flung areas like Davao Oriental. It is thus the thrust of this bill to establish a drug rehabilitation center that will be geographically closer and reachable. In doing so, the campaign against drugs will be all-inclusive in that it gives those who can be redeemed the chance to heal. By supplementing the administration's police action - that is of incarceration, prosecution and punishment - the envisioned provincial rehabilitation center will close the gap in the war against drugs, and ensure that all battles against this evil are won.

Support for this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DAVAO ORIENTAL REHABILITATION CENTER,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Statement of Policy.*** - It is the policy of the state to protect and
2 advance the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and
3 property, and the promotion of the general welfare for the enjoyment of all people of
4 the blessings of democracy.

5 It is likewise the responsibility of the State to protect the dignity of every
6 human person and guarantee full respect of human rights.

7 Towards this end, the State shall endeavor to provide basic services for the
8 rehabilitation and cure of those afflicted and have fallen victim to the dangers of
9 controlled substances.

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11 **SECTION 2. *Creation of the Davao Oriental Drug Rehabilitation Center.*** - A
12 drug rehabilitation center is hereby created in the province of Davao Oriental to be
13 called the Davao Oriental Drug Rehabilitation Center ("rehabilitation center")
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15 **SECTION 3. *Objectives and Functions.*** - The rehabilitation center shall have
16 the following objectives and functions:

- 17 (1) To provide care, treatment and accommodation to every
18 person found to be dependent drugs;
19 (2) To train drug dependents to become physically, socially, and
20 psychologically capable of coping with problems common to
21 his peer group;

- 1 (3) To facilitate and encourage the dissemination and exchange
2 of ideas and information on the prevention, care, treatment
3 and control of drug addiction;
- 4 (4) To provide after-care, follow-up and social reintegration
5 services to every drug dependent in order to assist in his
6 assimilation to his family and community after his release
7 from the center;
- 8 (5) To provide each drug dependent motivation to regain self-
9 confidence, rediscover working abilities and develop a
10 renewed sense of responsibility;
- 11 (6) To encourage the formation of organizations and
12 associations composed of parents, guardians, and
13 immediate relatives of drug dependents in order to raise
14 awareness and enhance their participation in the care,
15 treatment, and rehabilitation of their relatives or wards;
- 16 (7) To undertake continuous training of physicians, nurses,
17 health officers and social workers on the practical and
18 scientific methods of prevention, care, treatment and
19 rehabilitation of persons found to be drug dependents; and
- 20 (8) To strengthen the emotional and spiritual make-up of every
21 drug dependent by conducting regular guidance and
22 counseling sessions as well as inter-denominational
23 church services.
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25 **SECTION 4. Location.** - The rehabilitation center shall be located in the most
26 practicable location within the provincial capital, The City of Mati.

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28 **SECTION 5. Organization.** - The rehabilitation center shall be headed by a
29 Director who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health, and vested with powers
30 generally exercised by a chief of a government hospital. He shall be assisted by two
31 (2) Deputy Directors who shall likewise be appointed by the Secretary of Health and
32 vested with the powers of an assistant chief of a government hospital.

33 The Director may appoint such personnel and staff as may be necessary for
34 the effective operation of the rehabilitation center subject to existing laws, rules and
35 regulations.

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1 **SECTION 6. *Qualifications.*** - The Director must possess the following
2 qualifications upon appointment:

- 3 a) At least thirty-five years of age;
4 b) A licensed physician of good reputation; and
5 c) Have at least five (5) years experience in the care, treatment and
6 rehabilitation of drug dependents.

7 It shall be mandatory for all officials, personnel, and staff employed
8 and/or detailed in the rehabilitation center to undergo regular integrity tests and
9 trainings and other measures to prevent infiltration by drug syndicates into the
10 rehabilitation center and system.

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12 **SECTION 7. *Appropriations.*** - The amount necessary for the implementation
13 of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the Department of
14 Health. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the continued operation of
15 the Center shall be included in the
16 annual General Appropriations Act.

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18 **SECTION 8. *Separability Clause.*** - If any portion or provision of this Act is
19 declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected
20 thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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22 **SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
23 regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the
24 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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26 **SECTION 10. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
27 publication in the Official Gazette or in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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29 *Approved.*

