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HOUSE BILL NO. 9137



Introduced by Representative Jefferson F. Khonghun

**AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REHABILITATION
CENTER FOR ILLEGAL DRUGS USERS IN THE PROVINCE OF
ZAMBALES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that *"the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."* Further, Sec. 11, Art. XIII states that *"the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers."*

Since drug addiction causes destructive effects on abusers and people around them, a reliable rehabilitation center is an important part of recovery. Currently, the Province of Zambales does not have a drug rehabilitation center for illegal drug users. Litigants who are charged with violation of the Dangerous Drugs Law and metted with a penalty of rehabilitation utilizes rehabilitation centers in the Provinces of Pampanga and Bataan. Consistent with the above-cited constitutional mandates, this proposed bill aims to establish a more accessible and affordable Rehabilitation Center for Illegal Drugs Users who voluntarily submit themselves for treatment in the Province of Zambales. This bill also seeks to make available a comprehensive social reintegration program and follow-up for illegal drug dependents to prepare them for re-integration in the community after the treatment.

As drug dependency is a major societal issue that needs to be addressed, the expeditious passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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9 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines*
10 *in Congress assembled:*
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13 **SECTION 1. Establishment** - There shall be established, through the
14 Department of Health (DOH), jointly with the Department of Social Welfare
15 and Development (DSWD), the Department of Interior and Local Government
16 (DILG) and the concerned provincial government, a Rehabilitation Center for
17 Illegal Drugs Users in the Province of Zambales.
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19 **SECTION 2. Location** - The Provincial Governor, in coordination with
20 the Secretary of Health and the Secretary of Public Works and Highways, shall
21 determine the location of the said Rehabilitation Center for Illegal Drugs
22 Users, taking into consideration its accessibility of to the residents of remote
23 areas.
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25 **SECTION 3. Supervision and Control** - The DOH, in coordination with
26 the provincial government, shall exercise supervision and control over such
27 Rehabilitation Center for Illegal Drugs Users, in addition to the duties and

responsibilities of the Department under Section 76 of Republic Act No. (RA) 9165, otherwise known the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

SECTION 4. Application of Republic Act No. 9165 - The program for the voluntary or compulsory submission of a drug dependent and other legal processes related thereby shall be in compliance to the provisions in Article VIII of RA 9165.

SECTION 5. Affordable and Accessible Treatment - The Rehabilitation Center for Illegal Drugs Users shall provide affordable and accessible treatment and care to persons who committed abuse of illegal drugs and voluntarily submit for rehabilitation. It shall further make available a comprehensive social reintegration program and follow-up for illegal drug dependents to prepare them for reintegration in the community after the treatment.

SECTION 6. Funding – The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the concerned government agencies as part of their annual budget.

SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations - The DOH, in consultation with the DSWD and the DILG, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause - If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions not affected thereby.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause - All laws, parts of laws, decrees, presidential issuances, proclamations, orders, ordinances, and administrative regulations in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 10. Effectivity Clause - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever, comes earlier.

Approved