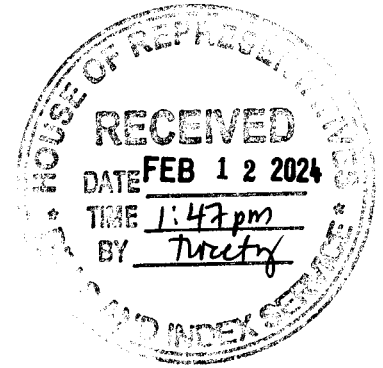


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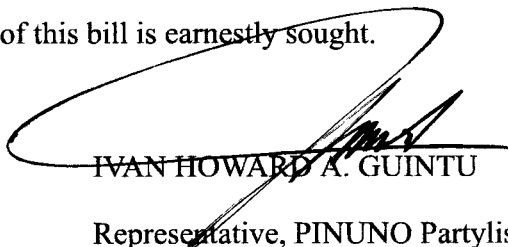
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 15, Article 2 of the 1987 Constitution provides that “[t]he State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.” Furthermore, Section 11, Article 13, provides that “[t]he 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.”

The 2019 National Household Survey on the Patterns and Trends of Drug Abuse reported that there are 1.67 million drug users in the country. The Marcos Administration aims to curb the use of illegal drugs through rehabilitation of drug users. Since taking office, President Marcos has established more than 500 community-based drug rehabilitation centers in order to provide temporary shelters for drug users and slowly reintegrate them into society.

In line with the approach of the State towards eradicating the use of illegal drugs, this proposed measure seeks to establish a drug rehabilitation center in the City of Roxas, Province of Capiz. Not only will this cater to the citizens of the City of Roxas, but shall also be open to citizens of nearby municipalities. Our fellow Filipinos who have fallen victim to drug addiction deserve another chance of becoming productive citizens.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE CITY OF ROXAS,
PROVINCE OF CAPIZ, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ROXAS DRUG REHABILITATION
CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment of the Roxas Drug Rehabilitation Center.* - There shall be established a drug rehabilitation center in the City of Roxas, Province of Capiz, to be known as the Roxas Drug Rehabilitation Center, that shall be responsible for the handling and implementation of programs for the rehabilitation of drug addicts and other drug-related cases within the City of Roxas and other nearby areas.

SEC. 2. *Objectives and Functions.* - The Center shall have the following objectives and functions:

- a. To provide care, treatment, and accommodation to persons found to be drug dependents;
- b. To bring a drug dependent to a state where he is physically, psychologically, and socially capable of coping with problems common to 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 and abuse;
- 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 motivation for regaining self-confidence, rediscover his working latent abilities, and develop a sense of responsibility for himself;
- f. To encourage the formation of organizations, associations, or groups composed of parents, guardians, and immediate relatives of drug dependents 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, psychologists, 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; and
- i. The center shall be responsible for the implementation of the programs for the rehabilitation of drug dependents and other related cases.

SEC. 3. *Site of Facility.* - The center shall be constructed within the City of Roxas at a location that will be identified by the local government unit or the Department of Health.

SEC. 4. *Organization.* - The center shall be headed by a Director who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health and vested with powers generally exercised by a Chief of a government hospital and shall abide by the qualification requirements set about by the Civil Service Commission.

SEC. 5. *Development Plan.* - The Center, through its Director, is hereby authorized to embark on a development plan in the fulfillment of the following:

- a. To establish additional building facilities equipped with new and modern equipment to serve and cater to drug dependents from the City of Roxas;
- b. To initiate plans for the development of income-generating programs for the ultimate purpose of generating resources to provide additional projects for the Center, particularly charity services;
- c. To provide pharmacy services, dispensaries, and health stations; and
- d. To provide educational facilities for interns, graduates, and undergraduates of medicine and related fields with a focus on the rehabilitation of drug dependents.

SEC. 6. *Government Assistance to the Center.* - The Secretary of Health is hereby authorized to call upon the department, bureau, agency, or instrumentality of the government for such assistance as may be necessary to effectively implement this Act.

SEC. 7. *Rules and Regulations.* - The Director of the Center is hereby authorized, with the approval of 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.

SEC. 8. *Appropriations.* - The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the programs of the Department of Health the establishment and operationalization of the Roxas Rehabilitation Center in the City of Roxas, Province of Capiz, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, a presidential proclamation, rules, regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SEC. 10. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

SEC. 11. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,