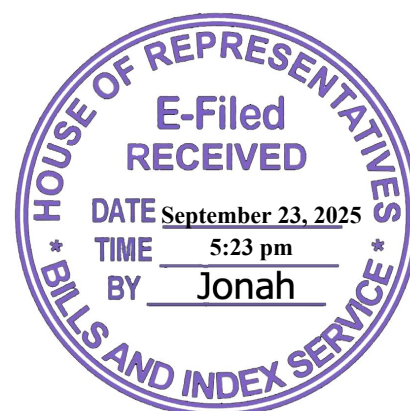




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Drug abuse remains a significant public health and safety concern in the Philippines, particularly in the Province of Samar, where the lack of facilities and resources hinder access to effective treatment and rehabilitation. Addiction affects not only individuals but also their families and the community, creating a cycle of poverty, crime, and social problems.

Providing effective treatment and rehabilitation for individuals struggling with drug dependence is a crucial part of reducing the overall demand for illicit substances. It is state policy, as mandated in Republic Act 9165, also known as the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002", as amended, to provide effective measures for the successful reintegration into society of individuals who have fallen victims to drug abuse or dependence through comprehensive and sustainable treatment and rehabilitation programs.

By making rehabilitation free and within reach, this measure supports the national government's campaign against illegal drugs while promoting reintegration measures and public health approaches. It aims to transform lives, restore family relationships, and reduce drug-related offenses through sustained intervention, capacity building, and community participation.

Foregoing considered; the passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION AND WELLNESS CENTER
IN THE PROVINCE OF SAMAR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAMAR DRUG ABUSE
AND REHABILITATION CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the “Samar Drug Abuse and Rehabilitation Center Act”.

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is the policy of the State to safeguard the well-being of its people, especially the youth, from the adverse effects of dangerous drugs. To this end, the State shall establish and maintain adequate facilities and programs for the treatment and rehabilitation of drug dependents, in accordance with Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the “Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002,” as amended.

SECTION 3. *Establishment.* There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Health (DOH), a provincial drug abuse rehabilitation and wellness center in the Province of Samar. The Center shall provide free and accessible medical, psychological, and social services to individuals recovering from substance abuse.

SECTION 4. *Objectives.* The Center shall have the following objectives and functions:

- a) To provide accessible, holistic, and community-based rehabilitation services for individuals who have fallen victims to drug abuse or dependence;
- b) To promote the physical, psychological, and social recovery of persons undergoing treatment;
- c) To facilitate the reintegration of recovering individuals into their families and communities as productive and responsible citizens;
- d) To establish aftercare, follow-up, and community monitoring mechanisms to ensure long-term recovery;
- e) To undertake research, data collection, and policy studies on substance abuse and rehabilitation to guide evidence-based interventions; and
- f) To support the national government’s campaign against illegal drugs through a restorative and health-centered approach.

SECTION 5. *Services Provided.* The Center shall offer, but not be limited to, the following services:

- a) Medical detoxification and treatment;
- b) Psychological counseling and therapy;
- c) Skills development and livelihood training;
- d) Family counseling and reintegration programs;
- e) Community-based aftercare and monitoring; and
- f) Outreach and preventive education programs.

SECTION 6. *Site of the Center.* The Center shall be established in the Province of Samar.

SECTION 7. *Administration.* The DOH shall manage, operate, and maintain the Center, in coordination with the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Provincial Government of Samar, and other relevant agencies.

SECTION 8. *Appropriations.* The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's budget of the DOH. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the Center shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOH, in consultation with the DDB, DSWD, and the Provincial Government of Samar, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement its provisions.

SECTION 10. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,