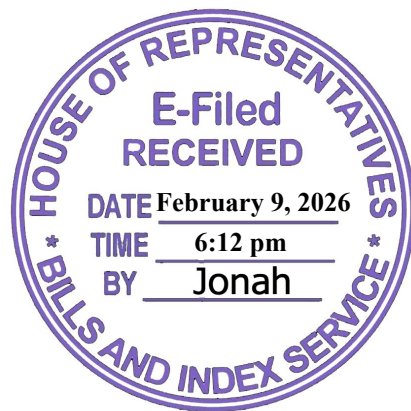




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Illegal drug abuse remains a serious public health and social concern that affects not only individuals but also families and communities. While Republic Act No. 9165, or the *Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002*, provides the legal framework for the prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of drug dependents, the availability and accessibility of adequate rehabilitation facilities at the local level remain insufficient, particularly in highly urbanized and rapidly growing areas.

The City of Tanauan, Province of Batangas, has experienced significant population growth and urban development, resulting in increased demand for accessible health and social services. Many individuals suffering from drug dependence are unable to receive timely and appropriate treatment due to the limited number of rehabilitation centers within reasonable distance. This situation undermines the State's policy of treating drug dependence as a health issue and hampers efforts toward recovery, reintegration, and the restoration of productive citizenship.

This bill seeks to address this gap by mandating the establishment of a rehabilitation center for illegal drug users in the City of Tanauan. The proposed measure institutionalizes a coordinated approach among the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the concerned local government unit to ensure the delivery of comprehensive, humane, and effective drug treatment and rehabilitation services. It emphasizes not only medical and psychological treatment but also social reintegration, aftercare, and community-based support, consistent with the intent of RA 9165.

Furthermore, the bill ensures that rehabilitation services are affordable and accessible, particularly for those who voluntarily submit themselves for treatment, and that the processes for voluntary or compulsory confinement strictly adhere to existing law. By providing a clear framework for supervision, implementation, and funding, this measure strengthens the State's commitment to public health, social justice, and community safety.

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



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AN ACT
MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REHABILITATION CENTER
FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USERS IN THE CITY OF TANAUAN, PROVINCE
OF BATANGAS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 9165 (RA 9165), it is the policy of the State to establish effective mechanisms for the reintegration of individuals who have fallen victim to drug abuse or dangerous drug dependence through sustainable treatment and rehabilitation programs. The State further promotes the health, safety, and general welfare of its citizens by providing humane and effective rehabilitation services for illegal drug users and dependents. Recognizing the importance of recovery and reintegration, the State shall establish adequate facilities and support systems to help individuals overcome addiction and resume productive roles in their families and communities.

SEC 2. Establishment. There shall be established, through the Department of Health (DOH), jointly with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the concerned local government, a Rehabilitation Center for Illegal Drug users in the City of Tanauan, Province of Batangas, which shall provide comprehensive drug treatment and rehabilitation programs.

SEC 3. Location. - The Local Government Unit, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Secretary of Public Works and Highways, shall determine the location of the said rehabilitation center for illegal drug users, taking into consideration its accessibility to the residents of remote areas.

SEC. 4. Supervision and Control. - The DOH, in coordination with the local government, shall exercise supervision and control over such Rehabilitation Center for Illegal Drugs Users, in addition to the duties and responsibilities of the Department under section 76 of Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, as amended.

SEC. 5. 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.

SEC. 6. 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.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 8. Appropriations. The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act under the budget of the concerned national agencies.

67 The local government unit of Tubao, La Union, may likewise allocate funds
68 to support the operation and maintenance of the rehabilitation center.

69 **SEC. 9. *Separability Clause*.** If any provision of this Act is declared
70 invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall
71 remain valid and subsisting.

72 **SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause*.** All laws, decrees, orders, issuances,
73 rules, and regulations, or other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with
74 the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

75 **SEC. 11. *Effectivity*.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
76 its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general
77 circulation.

78 Approved,