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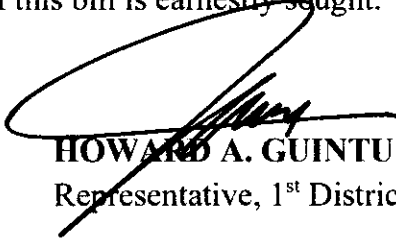
EXPLANATORY NOTE

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 Marcos Administration aims to curb the use of illegal drugs through the rehabilitation of illegal 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 users’ 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 REHABILITATION CENTER FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USERS IN
THE PROVINCE OF CAPIZ, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SEC 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 drugs users in the City of Roxas, Province of Capiz, which shall provide comprehensive drug treatment and rehabilitation programs.

SEC. 3. *Objectives and Functions.* - The Center shall have the following objectives and functions:

- a. To provide care, treatment, and accommodation to persons found to be illegal drug dependents;
- b. To bring an illegal 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 an illegal drug dependent to adjust to family and community life after his release;
- e. To provide each illegal 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. 4. *Site of Facility.* - The rehabilitation center shall be constructed within the Province of Capiz. The location shall be identified by the provincial government unit of the Province of Capiz, in coordination with the Department of Health and the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SEC. 5. *Supervision and Control.* - The Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), in coordination with the DOH and local government, shall exercise supervision and control over the 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. 6. *Application of Republic Act No. 9165.* - The program for the voluntary or compulsory submission of an illegal drug dependent and other legal processes related thereby shall be in compliance to the provisions in Article VIII of RA 9165.

SEC. 7. *Affordable and Accessible Treatment.* - The rehabilitation center for illegal drug 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. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The DDB, in consultation with the DOH, DSWD and the DILG, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act

SEC. 9. *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. The local government unit of the Province of Capiz may likewise allocate funds to support the operation and maintenance of the rehabilitation center.

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

SEC. 11. *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. 12. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,