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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DRUG TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency reported that a total of 3,079 cases arising from violation of Republic Act No. 9165 or the Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 have been filed with the Regional Trial Courts of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao from 2002 to April 2023. These cases include illegal drug possession, manufacturing, trafficking and selling. Of these cases filed, 380 resulted in conviction, 390 resulted in dismissal, 15 resulted in acquittal, 34 were provisionally dismissed, 102 were archived, and 2,158 are pending with the courts.

With the national government's intensified campaign against illegal drugs, drug-related cases are filing up the dockets of the court which also leads to more people flooding rehab facilities across the country as persons found by the court to be positive for the use of dangerous drugs as well as accused in minor drug crimes who avail of plea

bargaining agreement are required to be submitted to confinement, treatment and rehabilitation.

However, due to lack of these essential facilities here at home, they have to be sent outside of the autonomous region for treatment and rehabilitation where they also faced the prospect of being refused either due to lack of the means to pay the cost of treatment or the facilities are already at full capacity. With only less than fifty (50) rehabilitation centers around the country, there are not enough adequate medical treatment for thousands of drug users needing rehabilitation.

While the government continues to take strong actions against narcotic drugs, it also recognizes the necessity of providing effective mechanisms or measures to re-integrate into society individuals who have fallen victims to drug abuse or dangerous drug dependence through sustainable programs of treatment and rehabilitation.

Through this bill, greater access to quality and affordable treatment will be provided to drug victims in the Bangsamoro region. The complete treatment and rehabilitation of drug dependents will allow them to be reintegrated into society and give them the chance to change and rebuild their life with their loved ones.

The immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DRUG TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO

Be it enacted by the Bangsamoro Parliament in session:

Section 1. Creation. - There shall be established Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Centers, herein referred to as "Centers", in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao which shall be under the supervision of the Ministry of Health.

Sec. 2. Functions. - The Centers shall have the following functions:

- a) To provide care, treatment, and accommodation to persons found to be drug dependents;
- b) To train the drug dependent to be physically, psychologically and socially capable in coping with problems common to peer groups;
- c) To facilitate and encourage the dissemination and exchange of ideas and information on the prevention, care, treatment and control of drug addiction;

- 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 raise public awareness about drug abuse, prevention, care, treatment, and rehabilitation;
- f) To undertake continuous training of physicians, nurses, health officers, and social workers on the practical and scientific methods of prevention, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of persons found to be drug dependents; and
- g) To perform such other functions as may be necessary to effectively carry out the objectives of this Act;

Sec. 3. Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Centers. – There shall be initially established one (1) Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Center in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. Additional Centers shall thereafter be established with the recommendation of the Minister of Health;

Sec. 4. Location. – The Ministry of Health, in coordination with the Ministry of Public Works, shall determine the location of each Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Center taking into consideration their accessibility to most drug dependents;

Sec. 5. Administration, Management and Organization. — Each drug treatment and rehabilitation center shall be headed by a Chief of Center to be appointed by the Minister of Health.

No person shall be appointed as Chief of Center unless he/she possesses the following qualifications:

- a) A Filipino citizen;
- b) A resident of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao;
- c) At least thirty-five (35) years of age;
- b) A physician of good repute; and
- c) At least five (5) years of experience in the care, treatment, and rehabilitation of drug dependents

The Ministry of Health, in coordination with the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Management, shall determine the organizational structure and staffing pattern of the Center subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

Sec. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within one (1) year after the effectivity of this Act, the Minister of Health shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

Sec. 7. Separability Clause. - The provisions of this Act shall be separable so that if for any reason any provision or part hereof is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or the provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 8. Repealing Clause. - All regional laws, executive orders, rules or regulations, or any part thereof, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Sec. 9. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Approved,

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