



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 1355

BY REPRESENTATIVES CERILLES AND BELMONTE (V.)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL DRUG REHABILITATION
CENTER IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. *Creation.* – There shall be a regional drug rehabilitation
2 center established in the Province of Zamboanga del Sur under the supervision
3 of the Department of Health.

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

6 (a) To provide care, treatment and accommodation to persons found to
7 be drug dependents;

8 (b) To bring a drug dependent to a state where he/she is physically,
9 psychologically and socially capable of coping with problems and coping with
10 his peer group;

11 (c) To facilitate and encourage the dissemination and exchange of
12 ideas and information on the prevention, care, treatment and control of drug
13 addiction;

1 (d) To provide after-care, follow-up and social reintegration services to
2 enable a drug dependent to adjust to family and community life after his
3 release;

4 (e) To provide each drug dependent the motivation to regain
5 self-confidence, rediscover his working abilities and develop a sense of
6 responsibility for himself;

7 (f) To encourage the formation of organizations and associations
8 composed of parents, guardians and immediate relatives of drug dependents in
9 order to arouse their awareness and enhance their participation in the care,
10 treatment and rehabilitation of their relatives or wards found to be drug
11 dependent patients;

12 (g) To undertake continuous training of physicians, nurses, health
13 officers and social workers on the practical and scientific methods of
14 prevention, care, treatment and rehabilitation of persons found to be drug
15 dependents; and

16 (h) To strengthen the emotional and spiritual make-up of an individual
17 drug dependent by conducting regular guidance and counseling sessions as
18 well as interdenominational church services.

19 *SEC. 3. Site of the Center.* – The Center shall be placed in a five
20 (5)-hectare property in Sitio Rebi, Barangay Teniapan, San Pablo, Zamboanga
21 del Sur.

22 *SEC. 4. Organization.* – The Center shall be headed by a Director
23 who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health and vested with powers
24 generally exercised by the Chief of a government hospital.

25 No person shall be appointed Director unless he possesses the following
26 qualifications:

27 (a) At least thirty-five (35) years of age;

28 (b) A physician of good repute; and

1 (c) At least five (5) years of experience in the care, treatment and
2 rehabilitation of drug dependents.

3 SEC. 5. *Personnel and Staff.* – The Director shall appoint such other
4 personnel and staff as may be necessary for the effective operation of the
5 Center subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

6 SEC. 6. *Five (5)-Year Development Plan.* – The Center, through its
7 Director, shall be authorized to formulate and implement a five (5)-year
8 development plan in the fulfillment of the following:

9 (a) To establish additional building facilities equipped with new and
10 modern equipment to serve and cater to drug dependents of the region;

11 (b) To initiate plans for the development of income-generating
12 programs for the ultimate purpose of generating resources to provide charity
13 services;

14 (c) To provide hospital pharmacy services, free dispensaries and health
15 stations; and

16 (d) To provide educational facilities for interns and graduate and
17 undergraduate students of medicine.

18 SEC. 7. *Government Assistance to the Center.* – The Secretary of
19 Health is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, agency or
20 instrument of the government for such assistance as may be necessary to
21 effectively implement this Act.

22 SEC. 8. *Rules and Regulations.* – The Director of the Center is hereby
23 authorized, with the approval of the Secretary of Health, to promulgate such
24 rules and regulations as may be necessary to ensure the effective administration
25 of the Center and the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

1 SEC. 9. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the establishment
2 and operationalization of the Zamboanga del Sur Regional Drug Rehabilitation
3 Center shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

4 SEC. 10. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any section of this
5 Act shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or
6 provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in force and
7 effect.

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

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

Approved,

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