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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**


This bill seeks to establish a drug rehabilitation center in the Municipality of Libmanan, in the Province of Camarines Sur.

The problem of drug addiction has already become prevalent not only in Metro Manila but also in provinces and other highly-urbanized areas of the country. Moreover, the incidence of crime, particularly drug-related crimes, is increasing all over the country. Citizens are continuously being victimized by these dangerous substances, either as users or victims of crimes committed by users.

It is the duty of the State to provide rehabilitation for those hooked on these dangerous substances. The drug victims are in dire need of immediate rehabilitative assistance. Their welfare is often overlooked because most of our efforts are focused on nabbing the pushers and perpetrators.

The establishment of the Camarines Sur Drug Rehabilitation Center is imperative in order to address drug-related problems within the area of Camarines Sur. It is this facility that people involved in and affected by drug-related problems will be given the opportunity to reform and be brought back to society's fold.

Considering the merits of this Bill, its early approval is earnestly requested.

  
**LUIS RAYMUND F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.**

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIBMANAN, IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAMARINES SUR DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER AND ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.*** – There shall be established a drug rehabilitation center in the Municipality of Libmanan, in the Province of Camarines Sur, to be known as the Camarines Sur Drug Rehabilitation Center, that shall be responsible for the handling and implementation of programs for the rehabilitation of drug addicts and other drug related cases within the Province of Camarines Sur.

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

- a. To provide care, treatment and accommodation to persons found to be drug dependents;
- b. To bring a 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 a drug dependent to adjust to family and community life after his release;
- e. To provide each drug dependent motivation for regaining self-confidence, rediscover his working latent abilities and develop a sense of responsibility for himself/herself;

- f. To encourage the formation of organizations, associations or groups composed of parents, guardians and immediate relatives of drug dependents in order to incite 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.

**SECTION 3. *Organization.*** – The center shall be headed by a Director who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health and vested with powers generally exercised by a Chief of a government devolved hospital.

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

**SECTION 5. *Development Plan.*** – The Center, through its Director, is hereby authorized to embark on a development plan in the fulfillment of the following:

- a. To establish additional building facilities equipped with new and modern equipment to serve and cater to drug dependents from Camarines Sur;
- b. To initiate plans for the development of income generating programs for the ultimate purpose of generating resources to provide additional projects for the Center, particularly charity services;
- c. To provide pharmacy services, dispensaries and health stations; and
- d. To provide on the job training and other educational facilities for interns, graduates and undergraduates of medicine and related fields germane to the rehabilitation of drug dependents.

**SECTION 6. *Government Assistance to the Center.*** – The Secretary of Health is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, agency or instrumentally of the government for such assistance as may be necessary to effectively implement this Act.

**SECTION 7. *Rules and Regulations.*** – The Director of the Center is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Secretary of Health, to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to secure an effective administration of the Center and the effective implementation of the provisions of this act.

**SECTION 8. Appropriations.** – The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the programs of the Department of Health the establishment and operationalization of the Camarines Sur Drug Rehabilitation Center in the Municipality of Libmanan, in the Province of Camarines Sur, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

Approved,