



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES JAAFAR AND BELMONTE (V.)

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN  
THE CAPITAL TOWN OF BONGAO, TAWI-TAWI AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Creation.* — There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Health (DOH), a drug rehabilitation center in the capital town of Bongao in Tawi-Tawi. It shall hereinafter be referred to as the “Tawi-Tawi Drug Rehabilitation Center”. It shall be responsible for the handling and implementation of programs for the rehabilitation of drug dependents and other drug-related cases within the province.

SEC. 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-dependent;
  - (b) To bring a drug dependent to a state where he/she is physically, psychologically and socially capable of coping with problems common to his/her 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;
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(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/her release;

(e) To provide each drug dependent motivation for regaining self-confidence, rediscover his/her working 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 to make them aware and enhance their participation in the care, treatment and rehabilitation of their relatives or wards found to be drug-dependent;

(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-dependent; and

(h) To strengthen the emotional and spiritual makeup of an individual drug dependent by conducting regular guidance and counseling sessions as well as interdenominational church services.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 5. *Development Plan.* — The Center, through its Director, is hereby authorized to formulate and implement 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 Tawi-Tawi;

(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.

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

SEC. 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 ensure the effective administration of the Center and the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 8. *Appropriations.* — The amount necessary for the establishment and operationalization of the Tawi-Tawi Drug Rehabilitation Center shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 9: *Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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