



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 2332

BY REPRESENTATIVES YAP (S.) AND BELMONTE (V.)

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROVINCIAL REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE PROVINCE OF TARLAC 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 established, under the
2 supervision of the Department of Health, a drug rehabilitation center in the
3 Province of Tarlac.

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-dependent;

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/her 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/her
3 release;

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

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
11 drug-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
15 drug-dependent;

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

19 (i) The Center shall be responsible for the implementation of programs
20 for the rehabilitation of drug dependents and other related cases within the
21 Province of Tarlac.

22 SEC. 3. *Site of the Center.* – The Center shall be placed in the City of
23 Tarlac or in a location that shall be designated by the Province of Tarlac, other
24 than the City of Tarlac.

25 SEC. 4. *Organization.* – The Center shall be headed by a Director
26 who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health upon the recommendation of
27 the Provincial Governor and vested with powers generally exercised by a chief
28 of a government hospital.

1 No person shall be appointed as Director unless he/she possesses the
2 following qualifications:

- 3 (a) At least thirty-five (35) years of age;
4 (b) A physician of good repute of the community; and
5 (c) At least five (5) years experience in the care, treatment and
6 rehabilitation of drug dependents.

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

10 *SEC. 6. Development Plan.* – The Center, through its Director, is
11 authorized to formulate and implement a development plan in the fulfillment of
12 the following:

- 13 (a) To establish additional building facilities equipped with new and
14 modern equipment to serve and cater to drug dependents in the province;
15 (b) To initiate plans for the development of income-generating
16 programs for the ultimate purpose of generating resources to provide charity
17 services;
18 (c) To provide hospital pharmacy services, free dispensaries and health
19 stations; and
20 (d) To provide educational facilities for interns and graduate and
21 undergraduate students of medicine.

22 *SEC. 7. Government Assistance to the Center.* – The Secretary of
23 Health is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, agency or
24 instrumentality of the government for such assistance as may be necessary to
25 effectively implement this Act.

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

5 SEC. 9. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the establishment
6 and operationalization of the Tarlac Provincial Rehabilitation Center shall be
7 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

8 SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, ordinances, rules and
9 regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with
10 this Act are hereby repealed or modified.

11 SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any section or
12 provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections
13 or provisions hereof shall not be repealed or modified.

14 SEC. 12. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect upon its complete
15 publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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