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Explanatory Note

The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) reported that over the last three (3) years, they were able to confiscate a staggering amount of PhP82.58 billion of worth of shabu and other illegal drugs. These are in the forms of 11,133 kilograms of shabu and cocaine, along with 140,067 pieces of party drugs. During the same time period, 151,867 drug personalities were arrested, while 2,069 minors involved in illegal drug activities have been rescued.¹ Unfortunately, not everything is going well. On July 20, 2025, a PDEA agent was injured during a gunfight involving two drug traffickers in Calamba, Laguna. The wound he sustained during the said operation lead to his death four (4) days later.²

In order to strengthen the government forces against the evil of illegal drugs, it is imperative that the government shall increase its manpower and have more organized offices operating in a provincial scale. This proposed bill seeks to establish the creation of regional offices and provincial offices of PDEA in all the regions and provinces of the country.

Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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¹ https://pco.gov.ph/news_releases/3-years-into-pbbms-peaceful-drug-war-more-drugs-seized-fewer-suspects-killed/

² <https://www.philstar.com/nation/2025/07/24/2460447/wounded-pdea-agent-dies-after-calamba-city-drug-traffickers-gunfight>



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING REGIONAL OFFICES AND PROVINCIAL OFFICES OF THE PHILIPPINE
DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.
9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF
2002, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. Section 83 of Republic Act no. 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002", is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 83. Organization of the PDEA. - The present Secretariat of the National Drug Law Enforcement and Prevention Coordinating Center as created by Executive Order No. 61 shall be accordingly modified and absorbed by the PDEA.

The Director General of the PDEA shall be responsible for the necessary changes in the organizational set-up which shall be submitted to the Board for approval.

For purposes of carrying out its duties and powers as provided for in the succeeding Section of this Act, the PDEA shall have the following Services, namely: Intelligence and Investigation; International Cooperation and Foreign Affairs; Preventive Education and Community Involvement; Plans and Operations;

Compliance; Legal and Prosecution; Administrative and Human Resource; Financial Management; Logistics Management; and Internal Affairs.

The PDEA shall establish and maintain regional offices in ~~the different~~ **ALL THE** regions of the country **AND PROVINCIAL OFFICES IN ALL THE PROVINCES OF THE RESPECTIVE REGIONS** which shall be responsible for the implementation of this Act and the policies, programs, and projects of said agency in their respective regions.

Section 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). - To implement effectively the provisions of Section 83, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) shall issue the necessary guidelines on the IRR for the purpose in consultation with the Department of Justice (DOJ) and relevant sectors to curb increasing drug cases.

Section 3. Appropriations. -The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

Section 4. Separability Clause. - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. - All laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive orders, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

Section 6. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,