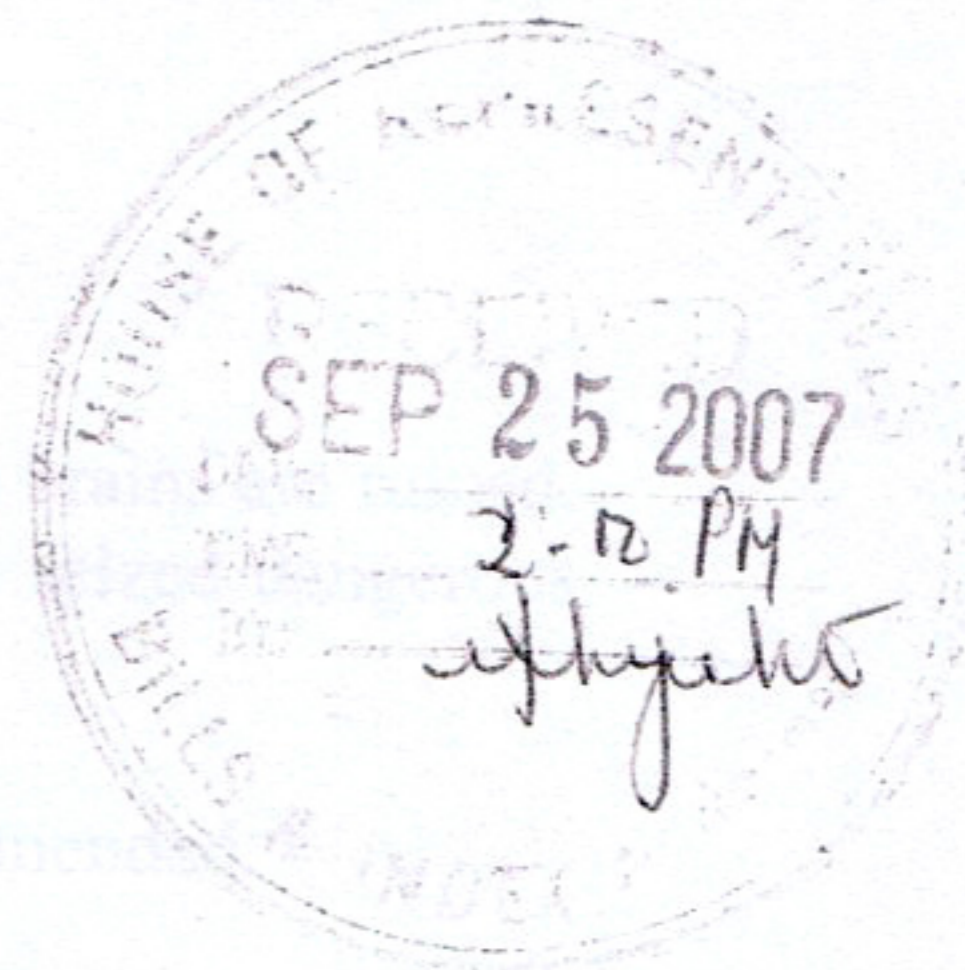


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HOUSE BILL NO. 2696



Introduced by Hon. Ronald V. Singson

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to require the immediate and proper disposal and destruction of confiscated, seized or surrendered dangerous drugs and paraphernalia.

It is the policy of the state to safeguard the integrity of its territory and the well-being of its citizenry particularly the youth, from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs on their physical and mental well-being, and to defend the same against acts of omissions detrimental to their development and preservation.

Dangerous drugs are one of today's most serious social ills. The illegal drugs menace is now considered public enemy number one all over the world and poses a grave threat to a country's national security. In the Philippines, it has alarmingly penetrated almost all sectors and levels of society including the government, business and even law enforcement agencies and it may only take little time before this dilemma would be totally rampant.

Several government agencies were created to lead the government's all out war against dangerous drugs. Laws were passed to encourage the participation of Local Government Units in the prevention and control of the illegal menace. In short, the main concern is how to prevent or totally eradicate the spread of illicit drug trafficking in the country. And one of the ways to strengthen the government's program for its alleviation is to immediately destroy all confiscated, seized or surrendered dangerous drugs and paraphernalia through a proper public forum so as to prevent the same from being resold, recycled or simply falling in the wrong hands which will eventually defeat the governments fight against the dangerous drugs menace.