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House Resolution No. 141



Introduced by Rep. Bienvenido "Benny" M. Abante Jr.

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CLOSURE OF ALL PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO) OUTLETS DUE TO MASSIVE CORRUPTION"

WHEREAS, in 1935, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) was created by virtue of Act No. 4130. Subsequently, Republic Act No. 1169 (as amended by B.P. Blg. 42 and P.D. No. 1157) was enacted providing for PCSO Charter thereby strengthening its mandate.

WHEREAS, the PCSO is the principal government agency for raising and providing funds for health programs, medical assistance and services, and charities of national character. Thus, it is the recourse of the public in need of medical and other assistance to cover their expenses.

WHEREAS, the main products of PCSO to raise funds are the sweepstakes and lottery games. Specific products of the PCSO are the Small Town Lottery (STL), KENO lotto express, Peryahan ng Bayan, and other scratch and match games.

WHEREAS, the government, through PCSO, granted over 23,000 franchises to operate as its gaming outlets nationwide.

WHEREAS, on 27 July 2019, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte ordered the closure of 23,000-plus PCSO outlets due to allegations of massive corruption within the agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO DIRECT THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, on the status of the operation and structure of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office's (PCSO) gaming schemes which may be prone to massive corruption, with the end in view of enacting legislative measures to properly address the issues that contributed to the current situation.

ADOPTED,


BIENVENIDO "BENNY" M. ABANTE JR.