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HOUSE BILL NO. 2698

Introduced by Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Many Filipinos, in the hope of improving their lot and uplifting their economic situation, turn to the game of chance or lottery. No matter how slim their chances – about one is to a million ratio – still they would hold on to the flimsy likelihood just so they could pin their hope on something. If fate would be kind to them, then regardless of the probability, they would hit jackpot. However, if one actually bought the winning ticket but would be unable to claim his winnings because his ticket had been damaged beyond recognition, then the government would be depriving him of the once-in-a-lifetime chance to change his life. Hence, this bill recommends for PCSO to review its rules and regulations and allow presentation of secondary and circumstantial evidence if the lotto ticket cannot be validated by the machine while maintaining its integrity and freedom from any fraudulent claim.

Hence, upon presentation of secondary and circumstantial evidence beyond reasonable doubt, PCSO is duty bound to award the winnings even without being able to validate the winning ticket.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT

MANDATING THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO) TO ADMIT PRESENTATION OF SECONDARY AND OTHER CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE IF THE LOTTO TICKET CANNOT BE VALIDATED BY THE MACHINE WHILE MAINTAINING ITS INTEGRITY AND FREEDOM FROM ANY FRAUDULENT CLAIM

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Lottery Proof of Winnings Act of 2016."

SEC. 2. The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) shall henceforth admit the presentation of secondary and other circumstantial evidence as basis for awarding the winnings in the event that the lotto ticket cannot be validated by the machine on account of its marred or damaged condition.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,