Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Queson City

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 196



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RESOLUTION

URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RELEASE OF AMOUNTS PERTAINING TO THE ADDITIONAL FUND SOURCES OF THE DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD PURSUANT TO RA 9165

WHEREAS, in addition the budget of the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) sourced from the annual General Appropriations Act, the agency should have additional fund sources from fines, fees and other income authorized and imposed under Section 87, Article X of Republic Act No. 9165;

WHEREAS, DDB's additional fund includes ten percent (10%) of all unclaimed and forfeited sweepstakes and lotto prizes but not less than twelve million pesos (P12,000,000.00) per year from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO);

WHEREAS, no amount from the PCSO shall be disbursed to cover the operating expenses of the Board and other concerned agencies;

WHEREAS, at least fifty percent (50%) of the PCSO funds shall be reserved for assistance to government-owned and/or operated rehabilitation centers;

WHEREAS, the unclaimed and forfeited prizes shall be turned over to the Board by the PCSO within thirty (30) days after these are collected and declared forfeited;

WHEREAS, a portion of the funds generated by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) in the amount of Five million pesos (P5,000,000.00) a month shall be set aside for the purpose of establishing adequate drug rehabilitation centers in the country and also for the maintenance and operations of such centers;

WHEREAS, the said amount shall be taken from the fifty percent (50%) share of the National Government in the income of PAGCOR and the amount shall, in turn, be disbursed by the DDB, subject to the rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit (COA);

WHEREAS, the aforementioned funds from PCSO and PAGCOR are immiediately remitted by the DDB to the Bureau of Treasury;

WHEREAS, from 2012 to 2018, the actual fund released to DDB is a uniform PhP 77,000,000.00 per year;

WHEREAS, the release of the said funds is by practice subject to a Special Budget pursuant to Section 35, Chapter 5, Book VI of E.O. No. 292, s. 1987 or the Administrative Code of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the said additional fund sources are already earmarked, defined and guided by the Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 including its management and auditing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to urge the House Committee on Dangerous Drugs to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the release of amounts pertaining to the additional fund sources of the Dangerous Drugs Board pursuant to RA 9165.

ADOPTED,

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