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House Bill No. 1237



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Introduced by Representative **MICAELA S. VIOLAGO**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Under Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office's (PCSO) Charter (Batas Pambansa Blg. 42 as amended by BP 622), PCSO is the principal government agency for raising and providing for funds for health programs, medical assistance and services and charities of national character. It holds and conducts charity sweepstakes races, lotteries, and other similar activities and engages in health and welfare-related investments, programs, projects and activities to provide for permanent and continuing sources of funds for health programs, including the expansion of existing ones, medical assistance and services, and/or charitable grants.

The bill seeks to make it mandatory and not merely optional for state universities and colleges (SUCs) throughout the country to be provided by the PCSO with ambulances ensuring compliance with all the current requirements in the Ambulance Donation Program of the PCSO. There are more than 500 government-run higher education institutions, of which 436 are state colleges and universities.

An ambulance is an essential service in the university or college community. When there is an imminent risk of death, serious injury or illness to the community, the primary role of all ambulance service is emergency pre-hospital medical care providing life support and immediate patient care until they reach hospital from the place of accident in the university or college. Without an ambulance, it may take medical personnel from the nearest hospital in the local government unit or rural emergency medical service units a longer time to arrive at the scene of the emergency, which can have a significant impact on patient outcomes in the SUCs, including survival rates.

Accordingly, approval of this proposed measure, is strongly recommended.

  
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**"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 6 (B) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1169, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS, 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES, HORSE  
RACES, AND LOTTERIES' AS AMENDED"**

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 6 (B) of Republic Act No. 1169, otherwise known as "An Act Providing for Charity Sweepstakes, Horse Races, and Lotteries" as amended by Batas Pambansa Blg. 42 and Presidential Decree No. 1157 is hereby further amended to read, as follows:

*"Section 6. Allocation of Net Receipts. — From the gross receipts from the sale of sweepstakes tickets, whether for sweepstakes races, lotteries, or similar activities, shall be deducted the printing cost of such tickets, which in no case shall exceed two percent of such gross receipts to arrive at the net receipts. The net receipts shall be allocated as follows:*

*A) Fifty-five percent (55%) shall be set aside as a prize fund for the payment of prizes, including those for the owners, jockeys of running horses, and sellers of winning tickets.*

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*B) Thirty percent (30%) shall be set aside as contributions to the charity fund from which the Board of Directors, in consultation with the Ministry of Human Settlement on identified priority programs, needs, and requirements in specific communities and with approval of the Office of the President (Prime Minister), shall make payments or grants for health programs, including the expansion of existing ones, medical assistance and services, and/or charities of national character, such as the Philippine National Red Cross, AND/OR MANDATORY*

*AMBULANCE DONATION TO THE STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, under such policies and subject to such rules and regulations as the Board may from time establish and promulgate. The Board may apply part of the contributions to the charity fund to approved investments of the Office pursuant to Section 1 (B) hereof, but in no case shall such application to investments exceed ten percent (10%) of the net receipts from the sale of sweepstakes tickets in any given year.*

*Any property acquired by an institution or organization with funds given to it under this Act shall not be sold or otherwise disposed of without the approval of the Office of the President (Prime Minister), and that in the event of its dissolution all such property shall be transferred to and shall automatically become the property of the Philippine Government.*

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**Section 2. Separability Clause.** Should any provision/s of this Act be found unconstitutional by a court of law, such provision/s shall be severed from the remainder of the Act, and such action shall not affect the enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Act.

**Section 3. Repealing Clause.** All laws presidential decrees, executive orders and rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 4. Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

**Approved,**