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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Any gambling activity is counterproductive and engenders fatalistic attitude among participants. It promotes greed and the wanton desire to covet inordinate and undeserved wealth. More particularly, one entering a casino presupposes his intent to idle away precious time and take on his luck. He would spend countless hours trying to recoup his loss until all of his money has been used up. For the most part, people taking part in gambling activities incur bane more than they gain boon. They lose a great deal of money and opportunity costs. Had they spent their time on some other gainful activities, they would have certainly been more productive.

It is upon this premise that this humble measure contemplates on prohibiting all government officials, employees including members of the AFP and PNP from playing in casinos. It would be in the best interest of these personnel to steer clear from casinos or gambling centers and keep them from wasting away their hard-earned money. They also have to set good examples in the society by leading upright and honorable lives. Engaging in gambling activities strains one's moral values and begs the question of his worthiness as a public servant.

The immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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PROHIBITING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES INCLUDING MEMBERS OF
THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE
FROM PLAYING IN CASINOS AND PRESCRIBING FINES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Casino Ban Act of 2016."

SEC. 2. All government officials and employees including members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police shall hereby be prohibited from playing in Casinos.

SEC. 3. To effectively implement the provision of this Act, such personnel caught playing in Casinos shall be fined with P100,000.00 for violation hereof.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon fifteen (15) days upon its approval, its publication in the Official Gazette, and in at least three (3) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,