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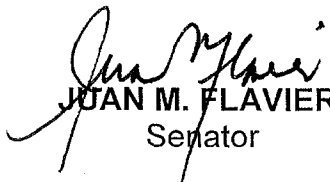
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

In consonance with Sec. 28, article II of the 1987 Philippine constitution which declares it a policy of the State to maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption, this measure prohibits government officials and employees from playing in casinos.

This measure seeks to ban government officials and employees regardless of rank, designation and status of employment for entering and patronizing casinos and other similar establishments through the imposition of penal sanctions.

Any government officials and employees convicted of violation this Act shall be punished by imprisonment from six (6) months to six (6) years and a fine ranging from P10,000 to P30,000. Casino officials and employees who shall knowingly allow government officials and employees to play in such premises shall likewise be punished by both fine and imprisonment.

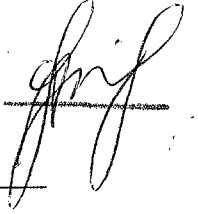
In view of the foregoing, the early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT  
PROHIBITING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES  
FROM PLAYING IN CASINOS AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS  
OPERATED BY THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING  
CORPORATION, OR BY OTHER SIMILAR GOVERNMENT-OWNED  
OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND THEIR FRANCHISE  
HOLDERS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR  
VIOLATION THEREOF**

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

SECTION. 1. All appointive government officials and employees, regardless of rank, designation, and status of employment, are hereby prohibited from playing in casinos and other similar establishments operated by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation or by other similar government-owned or controlled corporations and their franchise holders. Such ban shall include entry inside casino premises during the establishment's business hours.

SECTION. 2. Any government officials or employee who shall violate the provisions of Section 1 hereof, shall, upon conviction, be punish by imprisonment ranging from six (6) months to six (6) years and by a fine ranging from ten thousand pesos (P10, 000.00) to thirty thousand pesos (P30, 000.00), in addition to perpetual disqualification from holding public office.

Casino officials and employees who shall knowingly allow government officials and employees to play in the casino and other similar

places under their jurisdiction, shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment of not more than one (1) year or by a fine ranging from five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) to ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00), or both such imprisonment and fine at the discretion of the court.

SECTION. 3. The Civil Service Commission, shall issue the rules and regulation and such other guidelines as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION. 4. Copies of this Act, together with the implementing rules and regulations shall be conspicuously posted at the main entrance of all casino and similar establishments maintained and operated by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation and other similar government-owned or controlled corporations and their franchise holders.

SECTION. 5. Separability Clause. – If for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such parts not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION. 6. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations and administrative regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION. 7. Effectivity. – This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,