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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 28, Article II of the 1987 Constitution declares it a policy of the State to maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and to take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption.

In accordance with such a provision, this bill prohibits government officials and employees from playing in casinos and similar establishments. Government officials and employees convicted of violating this law will be subject to imprisonment of six (6) months to six (6) years and a fine ranging from P10,000 to P30,000. Casino officials and employees who knowingly allow government officials and employees to play in such premises shall also be subject to fine and imprisonment.

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

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AN ACT
PROHIBITING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FROM
PLAYING IN CASINOS AND OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS
OPERATED BY THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING
CORPORATION, OR BY OTHER SIMILAW 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 Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

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

8 SECTION 2. Any government official or employee who shall violate the
9 provisions of Section 1 hereof, shall upon conviction be punished by a fine
10 ranging from Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000) to Thirty Thousand Pesos
11 (P30,000) in addition to perpetual disqualification from holding public office.

12 Casino officials and employees who shall knowingly allow government
13 officials and employees to play in the casinos and other similar places under
14 their jurisdiction, shall upon conviction be punished by imprisonment of not
15 more than one (1) year or by a fine ranging from Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000)

1 to Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000) or both, such imprisonment and fine at the
2 discretion of the court.

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

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

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

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

18 SECTION 7. **Effectivity** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
19 after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general
20 circulation.

Approved,