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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act 1161, as amended by Batas Pambansa 42, mandates the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes office (PCSO) to be "the principal government agency for raising and providing funds for health programs, medical assistance and services and charities of national charter."

Consistent with that mandate, PCSO is authorized to conduct and hold charity sweepstakes races, lotteries, and other similar activities in such frequency and manner as shall be determined, and subject to such rules and regulations as shall be promulgated, by the Board of Directors. In the exercise of that authority, the PCSO now operates an on-line lottery otherwise known as "lotto" in Metro Manila with the intention of going nationwide.

The establishment of lotto terminals nationwide will definitely not go unopposed. "Lotto" will be strongly opposed by local governments and communities that do not want to see its operation within their territorial jurisdiction. In fact, some local government units have already passed ordinances to this effect. This scenario is not expected. People have diverse beliefs, some are in favor and some are not. It is therefore important that these beliefs be respected. Concurrence of the duly elected local leaders, the representative of the people, must be had before establishing lotto terminals.

To reconcile the authority of the PCSO to conduct its operations with the sentiments of the people of the locality where it proposed to operate, this bill proposes to amend the PCSO charter by requiring it to secure first the consent of the local government unit where it seeks to operate.

Immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
REQUIRING THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE TO
SECURE THE CONSENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS
CONCERNED BEFORE IT CAN OPERATE WITHIN THEIR TERRITORIAL
JURISDICTION AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1169,
AS AMENDED BY B. P. 42

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

1 SECTION 1. – Section 1 sub-paragraph (A) of Republic Act 1169, as
2 amended is hereby further amended as follows:

3 “Section 1. The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes.- The Philippine
4 Charity Sweepstakes Office, hereinafter designated the Office, shall
5 be the principal government agency for raising and providing for
6 funds for health program, medical assistance and services and
7 charities of national character, and as such shall have the general
8 powers conferred in section thirteen of Act Numbered One
9 thousand four hundred fifty nine, as amended, and shall have the
10 authority:

11 A. To hold and conduct charity sweepstakes, races, lotteries and
12 other similar activities, in such PLACES, frequency and manner, as
13 shall be promulgated by the Board of Directors, AND SUBJECT
14 FURTHER TO THE PRIOR CONSENT OF THE SANGGUNIANG

1 PANLALAWIGAN OR SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD, AS THE
2 CASE MAY BE, OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS
3 CONCERNED: PROVIDED, THAT ADEQUATE PUBLIC
4 HEARINGS SHALL BE HELD BY SUCH LOCAL GOVERNMENT
5 UNITS BEFORE ACTING ON SUCH REQUEST.

6 SEC. 2. **Repealing Clause** – All laws, executive orders, letters of
7 instructions, rules and regulations, or provisions thereof which are inconsistent
8 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
9 accordingly.

10 SEC. 4. **Effectivity**- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after of its
11 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,