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RESOLUTION

URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PROPOSED PROGRAM OF THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION (PAGCOR) TO IMPLEMENT A NATIONWIDE GAMBLING PROGRAM THROUGH THE SHORT MESSAGING SERVICE (TEXT MESSAGING) AND MULTI-MEDIA MESSAGING SERVICE (MMS) SYSTEMS OF ALL THE LOCAL MOBILE PHONE NETWORKS

WHEREAS, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) requested for four mobile phone access numbers through which it could implement a nationwide gambling program through the Short Messaging Service/SMS (text messaging) and Multi-Media Messaging Service (MMS) systems of the local mobile phone networks;

WHEREAS, PAGCOR claims the measure would regulate gambling through the mobile communications network, by requiring all games of chance to register with the PAGCOR, and would only be allowed to be implemented subject to compliance with PAGCOR's requirements and approval;

WHEREAS, the proposal of PAGCOR states that it would require all gambling activities to use only PAGCOR's access numbers and thus raise badly needed revenues for the government;

WHEREAS, the wisdom behind the proposal runs counter to the current efforts of the government to put a stop to the recent trend of betting and gambling through the text messaging service, which estimates that over 80% who were engaged in such practice were students and minors;

WHEREAS, the proposed gambling through text messages by PAGCOR will risk the exposure of the nation's youth to gambling that will eventually erode their values and is likewise, totally against the fundamental principles and policies of our nation to protect the morals and uphold the interest of our youth and our citizens;

WHEREAS, there is a need to propose corrective legislation so that a proposition like gambling through text message by PAGCOR will never become a reality. *Now, therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, Urging The Appropriate Senate Committee To Conduct An Investigation, In Aid Of Legislation, Into The Proposed Program Of The Philippine Amusement And Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) To Implement A Nationwide Gambling Program Through The Short Messaging Service (Text Messaging) And Multi-Media Messaging Service (Mms) Systems Of All The Local Mobile Phone Networks.

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