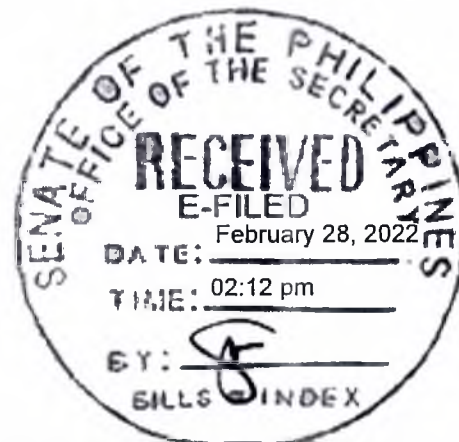


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RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO STRONGLY URGE THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT GAMING CORPORATION (PAGCOR) TO SUSPEND THE LICENSE TO OPERATE OF "E-SABONG" OPERATORS AND TO IMMEDIATELY STOP ALL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO E-SABONG UNTIL THE CASES OF MISSING SABUNGEROS ARE RESOLVED

WHEREAS, since last year, news reports have been circulating about the disappearance of several people who were allegedly involved in "sabong" or cockfighting and its online version;

WHEREAS, due to the alarming rate of disappearances, the Senate Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs conducted a public hearing and investigation, in aid of legislation on February 24, 2022 and invited PAGCOR, Department of Justice, Philippine National Police (PNP), National Bureau of Investigation, Land Transportation Office, Commission on Human Rights, GCash, Pay Maya, licensed "E-sabong" operators, and relatives of the missing persons to the Senate to shed light on the matter;

WHEREAS, based on the presentation of the PNP during the public hearing, it was confirmed that there were six (6) incidents involving thirty-one (31) individuals who were reported missing by their relatives and family after they visited cockpit arenas in Manila and Southern Luzon;

WHEREAS, during the hearing, it was found out that law enforcement agencies had difficulties in conducting investigations due to lack or absence of material evidence such as CCTV footages;

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies are deeply concerned that there might be more "E-sabong" related abductions and disappearances than that of reported;

WHEREAS, it appears that the abductions were well-planned and was probably done by trained and organized groups;

WHEREAS, the role of Congress and PAGCOR in the issuance of franchises and licenses of "E-sabong" operations respectively, was clarified;

WHEREAS, PAGCOR is the government agency that currently regulates the operations of online cockfighting or "E-sabong" and issues licenses to operate to private companies;

WHEREAS, PAGCOR issued licenses to Belvedere Vista Corporation, Lucky 8 Star Quest Inc., Visayas Cockers Club, Inc., Jade Entertainment and Gaming Technologies, Inc., Newin Cockers Alliance Gaming Corporation, Philippine Cockfighting International Inc., and Golden Buzzer, Inc.;

WHEREAS, there was consensus among members of the Senate Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs that the operation of "E-sabong" should be momentarily halted pending investigation;

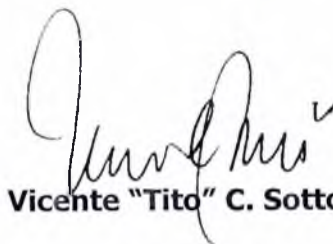
WHEREAS, the Senate President proposed that a Senate Resolution be issued to urge PAGCOR to suspend the licenses issued to the seven E-Sabong operators until there is an acceptable conclusion to what happened to the missing personalities involved in "E-sabong";

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, TO EXPRESS THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO STRONGLY URGE THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT GAMING CORPORATION (PAGCOR) TO SUSPEND THE LICENSE TO OPERATE OF "E-SABONG" OPERATORS AND TO IMMEDIATELY STOP ACTIVITIES RELATED TO E-SABONG UNTIL THE CASES OF MISSING SABUNGEROS ARE RESOLVED.

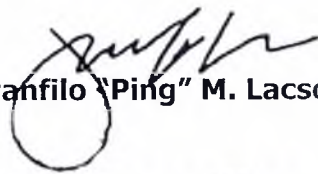
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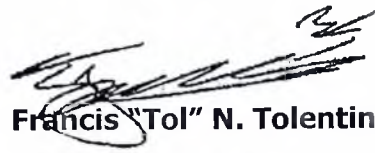
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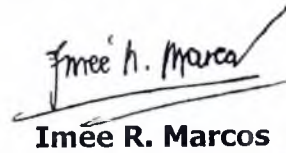
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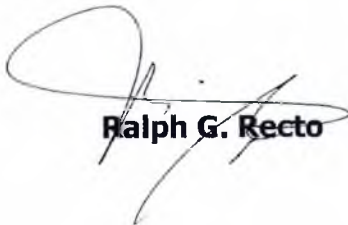
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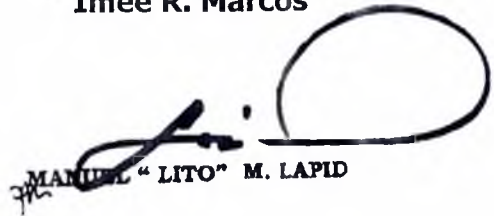
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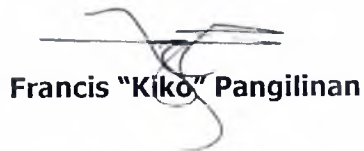
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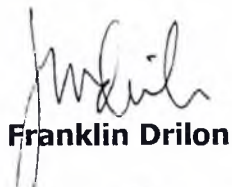
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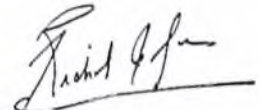


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