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Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT**  
**AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED**  
**IRREGULARITIES IN THE OPERATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE**  
**CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO)**

**WHEREAS**, Section 1 of Republic Act No. 1169 provides that the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) is the principal government agency mandated to conduct lottery games and other similar activities in the Philippines to raise revenues and provide funds for health programs, medical assistance and services, and charities of national character;

**WHEREAS**, the PCSO's lotto operations alone generated Php 15.44 billion in ticket sales for the third quarter of 2022. The lotto operations have also provided economic and employment opportunities to small lotto tellers, agents, and terminal technicians;

**WHEREAS**, despite PCSO's contribution to the national income and economy, the PCSO has been involved in various controversies in the past years;

**WHEREAS**, the usual criticism leveled by the betting public against the PCSO is the agency's lack of transparency. The PCSO has consistently refused to reveal the identity of the jackpot winner/s for supposedly safety and security reasons. However, many Filipinos believe that lotto results should be public knowledge. In most U.S. states, lottery winner's names are considered a public record for purposes of keeping the lottery transparent and above suspicion proving that real people actually win the jackpot;

**WHEREAS**, in July 2019, President Rodrigo R. Duterte ordered the immediate shutdown of lottery outlets due to non-remittance of the proper share due the

government and possible involvement or corrupt practices on the part of PCSO officials and/or employees;

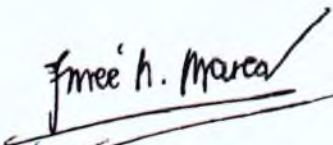
**WHEREAS**, the PCSO has been the center of controversy once again last 01 October 2022 when the 6/55 lotto draw produced an extremely rare outcome wherein a total of 433 bettors shared the Php 236 million jackpot prize after they wagered on the same winning combination of 09-45-36-27-18-54 – numbers that are all divisible by 9;

**WHEREAS**, the highly unusual result of the 01 October 2022 6/55 lotto draw has provoked widespread social and traditional media discussions on whether fraud had attended the draw, despite reassurances from the PCSO that all its games are conducted according to the highest standards of transparency, honesty and fairness;

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need for the Senate to protect and ensure the integrity and transparency of the PCSO's lotto operations, considering their contributions to government coffers and national economy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, directing the appropriate Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the alleged irregularities in the operations of the PCSO.

*Adopted,*

  
**IMEE R. MARCOS**