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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Illegal numbers and/or letters games in our country, like *jueteng*, continue to proliferate through time in spite of law enforcement efforts. Illegal numbers and/or letters games have become so entrenched in our society that it must first be effectively controlled and regulated by the State before it can be eventually eradicated completely.

This bill proposes to effectively control and regulate numbers and/or letters games allowing it in a city or municipality only upon Ordinance by the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* or the *Sangguniang Bayan* duly approved by its constituents in a referendum election called for this purpose. After complying with this requirement, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) shall then undertake the responsible operation of numbers and/or letters games in a city or municipality.

With this effective means of control, all other illegal and unauthorized numbers and/or letters games within a city or municipality can now be easily identified and prosecuted by the law enforcement under Republic Act No. 9287, increasing the penalties for illegal numbers games. Through proper regulation, illegal numbers and/or letters games can be curbed and corruption related to its illegal operation can be severed.

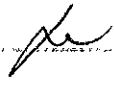
At the same time, this mode of control and regulation of illegal numbers and/or letters games can provide additional funding for financing micro, small and medium enterprises; salaries, allowances and equipage of personnel of the Philippine National Police (PNP). This bill proposes that thirty percent (30%) of the proceeds from regulated numbers and/or letters games be allocated to the PNP, and as much as fifty percent (50%) be allocated to micro, small and medium enterprises through loan operations similar to the model of Grameen Bank in the city or municipality to provide better livelihood opportunities for our people so that they may learn to work hard and look forward to a better future based on a stable and legitimate industry and not gambling.



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**AN ACT TO EFFECTIVELY CONTROL AND REGULATE
NUMBERS AND/OR LETTERS GAMES**

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Numbers and/or Letters
2 Games Act of 2007.”

3 **Sec. 2. Policy.** – It is the policy of the State to effectively control and regulate
4 numbers and/or letters games as a means to eradicate the vice of widespread illegal
5 gambling and create a culture of enterprise among the people.

6 **Sec. 3. Definitions.** – For purposes of this Act,

7 (1) “Numbers and/or Letters Games” refers to any form of gambling activity, which
8 uses numbers and/or letters or combinations thereof as factors in giving out jackpots,
9 including but not limited to, *jueteng*, *masiao* and last two;

10 (2) “PAGCOR” refers to the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation;

11 (3) “PNP” refers to the Philippine National Police.

12 **Sec. 4. Numbers and/or Letters Games in a City or Municipality.** – Upon
13 Ordinance by the *Sangguniang Panglungsod* or the *Sangguniang Bayan* duly approved by
14 its constituents in a referendum election called for this purpose, a city or municipality may
15 allow numbers and/or letters games operations in its locality in accordance with this act.

16 **Sec. 5. Numbers and/or Letters Games Operations.** – PAGCOR is hereby
17 authorized to operate numbers and/or letters games or to grant a franchise to a natural or
18 juridical person to operate numbers and/or letters games in a city or municipality that has
19 complied with Sec. 4 of this Act. The numbers and/or letters games franchise issued by
20 PAGCOR shall be valid for a period of one (1) year, which may be renewable. All numbers

1 and/or letters games operations under this Act shall be under the control and supervision of
2 PAGCOR.

3 **Sec. 6. One Operator or Franchisee per City or Municipality.** – There shall only
4 be one (1) numbers and/or letters games operator or franchisee per city or municipality.

5 **Sec. 7. Conduct of Numbers and/or Letters Games.** – The conduct of numbers
6 and/or letter games shall be subject to similar mechanics and standards as lotto and other
7 similar games. For this purpose, PAGCOR shall promulgate minimum mechanics and
8 standards in the forms of rules and regulations in the conduct of numbers and/or letters
9 games.

10 A city or municipality may impose additional rules and regulations that it deems
11 appropriate in the conduct of the number and/or letter games in its locality.

12 **Sec. 8. Allocation of Proceeds from Numbers and/or Letters Games.** – Proceeds
13 from numbers and/or letters games shall be allocated as follows:

14 (1) Fifty percent (50%) shall be allocated for financing micro, small and medium
15 enterprises in the city or municipality;

16 (2) Thirty percent (30%) shall be allocated for salaries, allowances, and equipage of
17 personnel of the PNP; and

18 (3) Twenty percent (20%) shall be allocated for numbers and/or letters games
19 operations including payments to winners or numbers and/or letters games in the city or
20 municipality.

21 **Sec. 9. Penal Provision.** – Any person who violates any provision of this Act shall
22 be punished with a penalty of six (6) years to twelve (12) years imprisonment, or a fine
23 ranging from fifty thousand pesos (PhP 50,000) to five hundred thousand pesos (PhP
24 500,000), or both.

25 **Sec. 10. Illegal or Unauthorized Numbers and/or Letters Games.** – Any person
26 who participates in illegal or unauthorized numbers and/or letters games shall be punished
27 with the same penalties as provided for in Republic Act No. 9287.

28 **Sec. 11. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or
29 other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
30 repealed or modified accordingly.

31 **Sec. 12. Appropriation.** –The initial funding to carry out the provisions of this Act
32 shall be charged against the current year's appropriation. Thereafter, such sums as may be
33 necessary shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

1 **Sec. 13. *Separability Clause.*** – If any portion of this Act is declared
2 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall
3 remain in force and effect.

4 **Sec. 14. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the
5 completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation
6 in the Philippines..

Approved,