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S.B. No 3348

Introduced by Senator **TEOFISTO "TG" GUINGONA III**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) is considered the "principal government agency for raising and providing funds for health programs, medical assistance and services, and charities of national character"⁸ The heart and soul of the PCSO is its charitable pursuit.

The PCSO Charter allocates 30% of its net receipts to the Charity Fund. As a result of regular mandatory contributions imposed upon the PCSO by virtue of several laws and executive orders, the Charity Fund is greatly diminished. An overview of these decrees will reveal that most of the intended recipients, be it a government agency, or the implementation of a government program, does not in any way pertain to health or medical concerns. These mandatory contributions should therefore be discontinued to increased and thereby enhance PCSO's Charity Fund.

PCSO's mandatory contribution pursuant to Executive Order 201 or "Defining the Powers, Functions and Responsibilities of Government Agencies in Response to the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) Contagion" should therefore be abolished.

To emphasize, the heart and soul of PCSO is its charitable pursuit. If we set aside funds for extraneous mandatory contributions prior to allocating funds for charity, then this will negate the very existence of PCSO

In view of the foregoing, the immediate enactment of this measure is earnestly sought.


TEOFISTO "TG" GUINGONA III
Senator

⁸ Sec. 1, PCSO Charter, R.A. 1169.

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AN ACT
ABOLISHING REGULAR MANDATORY CONTRIBUTIONS IMPOSED ON THE
PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO), MODIFYING FOR THE
PURPOSE SEC. 4 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 201

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Statement of Policy.*** - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to
2 guarantee that the Charity Fund of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) shall
3 achieve its maximum potential to better serve its intended beneficiaries.
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5 **SECTION 2. *Abolition of Regular Mandatory Contributions of PCSO.*** - The
6 mandatory contribution of PCSO as found in Executive Order 201 or "Defining the Powers,
7 Functions and Responsibilities of Government Agencies in Response to the Severe Acute
8 Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) Contagion" described specifically as "an amount not exceeding
9 one billion pesos (1,000,000,000.00) is hereby set aside from the funds of the Philippine Charity
10 Sweepstakes Office to cover the financial requirements of this Executive Order" is hereinafter
11 abolished.
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13 **SECTION 3. SECTION 20. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
14 after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of
15 general circulation.

Approved,