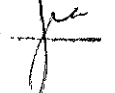




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SENATE

P. S. Res. No. **208**

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Introduced by Senator **FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO**

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS, AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON) TO INQUIRE IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION'S (PAGCOR) CHARTER, OR PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1869, AS AMENDED, IN RELATION TO MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 8, DATED 28 AUGUST 2001, PROHIBITING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM ENTERING, STAYING AND/OR PLAYING AT CASINOS

WHEREAS, No. 4, Section 14, Title IV of Presidential Decree No. 1869 provides that "government officials connected directly with the operation of the government or any of its agencies," including members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) are NOT allowed to play at casinos.

WHEREAS, on the basis of reports that some government officials and employees, including members of the PNP and the AFP, had been seen in casinos, Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 8 was issued on 28 August 2001, reiterating the prohibition above cited and directing "all heads of departments, bureaus and offices, government owned or controlled corporations, and local governments to impose the appropriate sanctions and penalties in violation thereof."

WHEREAS, in a recent report, or almost twelve (12) years after the issuance of MC No. 8, the head of the Land Transportation Office was allegedly caught on cam playing a slot machine in a casino like environment that has gone viral on social networking sites.


WHEREAS, the above purported incident may just be an eye opener, so to speak, of an already prevalent practice among government officials and employees, and that there may be laxity and leniency in the implementation of the ban.

WHEREAS, the statutory ban befits a Senate inquiry considering its apparent ineptness to demand obedience of government officials and personnel, the PNP and the AFP included.

WHEREAS, PD No. 1869, as amended, may require an amendment, or needs to be reviewed at least, given that it does not provide a specific penalty for the violation of the ban; hence, it took the issuance of MC No. 8 to direct the officials concerned to impose the appropriate sanctions and penalties in case of violation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate Committees on Games, Amusement and Sports, and Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon) inquire in aid of legislation into the implementation of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation's (PAGCOR) charter, or Presidential Decree No. 1869, as amended, in relation to Memorandum Circular No. 8, dated 28 August 2001, prohibiting government officials including members of the Philippine National Police and the Armed Forces of the Philippines from entering, staying and/or playing at casinos.

Adopted,

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