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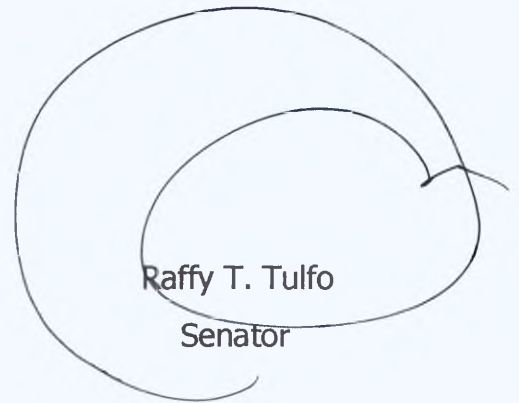
Explanatory Note

Small Town Lottery (STL) Cabos and Cobradores play a crucial role in the operation of the STL. They ensure the smooth collection of bets by providing customer service to STL players. Despite their significant contributions, these individuals often lack access to adequate healthcare benefits and social security coverage.

The purpose of this proposed measure is to address this gap by providing healthcare benefits and social security coverage under the Social Security System (SSS), Home Development Mutual Fund or Pag-IBIG, and Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) to STL Cabos and Cobradores. The provision of healthcare benefits and social security coverage is a fundamental aspect of any society that aims to prioritize the welfare of its citizens.

By providing them with healthcare benefits and social security coverage, the State is affirming their rights to social protection and creating a more inclusive society that prioritizes the well-being of all its citizens, regardless of their occupation or socio-economic status.

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



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

1 SECTION 1. *Coverage.* – This Act shall cover all Cabos and Cobradores who are
2 acting as field sales representatives of duly-accredited Small Town Lottery (STL)
3 Authorized Agents Corporation (AAC) in the Philippines.

4 SEC.2. *Cabos and Cobradores.* – Cabos and Cobradores refer to the sales
5 force or the field sales representatives of STL-AAC.

6 SEC. 3. *Healthcare Benefits and Social Security Coverage.* – Cabos and
7 Cobradores engaged in the STL Sector shall be entitled to healthcare benefits and
8 social security coverage under the programs of Philippine Health Insurance
9 Corporation (PhilHealth), Home Development Mutual Fund or Pag-IBIG, Social Security
10 System (SSS) and other labor standard benefits/incentives from the PCSO.

11 SEC. 4. *Additional Benefits* – In addition to healthcare benefits and social
12 security coverage, STL Cabos and Cobradores shall be entitled to other benefits,
13 including but not limited to:

- 14 (a) Retirement benefits, subject to the applicable laws and regulations;
15 (b) Disability benefits, subject to the applicable laws and regulations;
16 (c) Life insurance coverage, subject to the applicable laws and regulations; and
17 (d) Training and skills development programs to enhance their employment
18 opportunities.

1 SEC. 5. *Enrollment and Contributions* – Cabos and Cobradores shall be
2 required to enroll in the PhilHealth, Pag-IBIG and SSS programs and make regular
3 contributions, in accordance with the existing rules and regulations of the respective
4 agencies.

5 SEC. 6. *Implementation* –The appropriate government agencies, including the
6 PhilHealth, the SSS, and the PCSO

7 , shall establish the necessary mechanisms and procedures to ensure the
8 effective implementation of this Act. They shall also coordinate with STL operators and
9 stakeholders to facilitate the provision of healthcare benefits, social security coverage,
10 and other benefits to STL Cabos and Cobradores.

11 SEC. 7. *Penalties* – Any violation of this Act, including non-compliance with
12 the provision of healthcare benefits, social security coverage, and other benefits, shall
13 be subject to penalties as provided by the relevant laws and regulations.

14 SEC. 8. *Separability Clause*. – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
15 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall
16 remain in force and effect.

17 SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause*. – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
18 executive order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions
19 of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

20 SEC. 10. *Effectivity*. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
21 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation

Approved,