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HOUSE BILL NO. 2103



Introduced by Honorable Antonio V. Cuenco

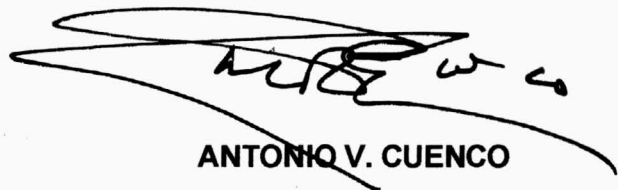
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide for an additional funding of One Billion Pesos for the maintenance and operation of the Philippines Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA).

The drug problem in the country has assumed very alarming proportions. It has now affected the whole nation. At present, an estimate of 4.5 million are regular drug users while 4.5 million are occasional drug users. The most abused drug today is the dreaded Methamphetamine Hydrochloride, or "shabu".

Recognizing the need to further strengthen existing laws governing the Philippine drug law enforcement system, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) was created under the Office of the President through Republic Act 9165 otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002". PDEA is mandated to implement said law, eliminate the supply of illegal drugs and stop the demand for the same, prevent and control drug related crimes, and provide drug-free communities for the Filipino people.

Under the General Appropriations Act for the year 2004, which is a re-enactment of the General Appropriations Act for the year 2003, PDEA has been allocate an annual budget amounting to only ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE MILLION PESOS. Considering the responsibilities vested upon this office, its allocated budget is hardly sufficient to carry out its programs and projects in the different regions of the country to combat the drug menace. Thus, with this bill, PDEA will be assured of sufficient funds to effectively fulfill its mandate under its charter. Hence, its approval is highly recommended.


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**AN ACT
ALLOCATING THE AMOUNT OF ONE BILLION PESOS FROM THE
AGGREGATE EARNINGS OF THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING
CORPORATION.**

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

SECTION 1. The amount of One Billion Pesos (P1,000,000.00) is hereby allocated annually from the aggregate gross earnings of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) for the maintenance and operation of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA).

SECTION. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

