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HOUSE BILL NO. 3629



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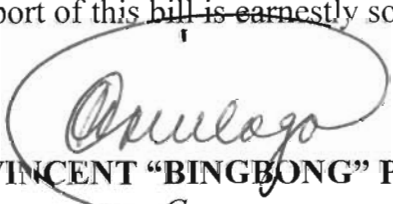
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is rich in traditions and customs. Among which is the celebration of barangay fiestas with all merriment and lavishness. Despite difficult and hard times, Filipinos would always find a way to celebrate these fiestas. For fiestas, however, to materialize, necessary funds must be raised.

A fund-raising event that predicates and complements the festive mood of barangay fiestas is the holding of cockfights or "*tupada*," a game that we Filipinos have passion for and for which we are also known worldwide. To prevent abuse, this event, however, must be regulated and subject to certain terms and conditions.

With the passage of this bill, we will get rid of the illegal "*tupadas*," will make our barangay fiestas more festive, and enable barangays to generate additional income to fund their activities thereby rendering them less dependent on solicitations and requests for donation.

In view of the foregoing, support of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT AMENDING
SECTION 5, PARAGRAPH D OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 449
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Section 5, Paragraph D of Presidential Decree No. 449 shall
be amended to read as follows:

(D) Holding of Cockfights. - Except as provided in this Decree, cockfighting shall be allowed only in licensed cockpits during Sundays and legal holidays and during local fiestas for not more than three days. It may also be held during provincial, city or municipal, agricultural, commercial or industrial fair, carnival or exposition for a similar period of three days upon resolution of the province, city or municipality, where such fair, carnival, or exposition is to be held: Provided, that, no cockfighting shall be allowed within the month of a local fiesta or for more than two occasions a year in the same city or municipality: Provided, further, that no cockfighting shall be held on December 30 (Rizal Day), June 12 (Independence Day), November 30 (Bonifacio Day), Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Election or Referendum Day and during registration days for such election or referendum.

Upon resolution of the barangay council concerned, cockfight or "*tupada*" may also be held within a period of not more than one month prior to the last day of the barangay fiesta, provided that the

holding of the said "*tupada*" shall not be more than thrice a week. The said cockfight or "*tupada*" shall be conducted and operated solely by the barangay and the entire proceeds thereof shall belong to the barangay treasury. A temporary cockpit may be established and operated anywhere in the locality as the council may deem appropriate; Provided, that the same shall not be within or near existing hospitals, school buildings, and churches. Within three (3) days from the last day of the conduct of cockfight or "*tupada*," the said cockpit shall be dismantled.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.