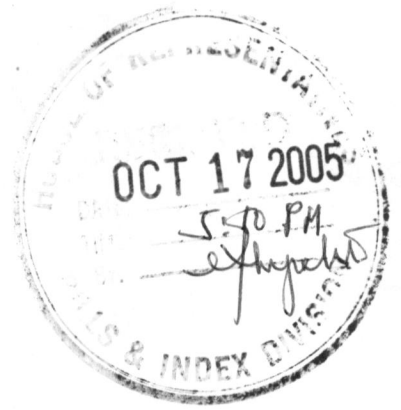


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Despite universal practice to entrust to the private sector the operation of games of chance and numbers game, the Philippines remains a country which directly manages games of chance and other numbers game. The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), for instance, operates and regulates casinos. This is also true with respect to lotto and sweepstakes operations where the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office play a direct hand and horse racing which is managed by the Philippine Racing Commission. In the case of cockfighting and numbers game (jueteng), the government's intervention appears to be lacking.

Under this set-up, the government cannot maximize collection of revenues because concerned government-owned and controlled corporations act as regulatory bodies. In addition, although majority of Filipinos, especially in the countryside, engage in cockfighting, the national government does not collect taxes from its operations. This is the same with the numbers game or jueteng because it is prohibited by law.

This bill thus seeks to maximize earnings from casino, lotto and sweepstakes operations, cockfighting and horseracing games and from numbers game or jueteng operations. Through this proposed legislative measure, it is expected that with the government assuming the role of a regulatory body and the games of chance and numbers game being privatized, more taxes and fees will be collected by the national government.

The approval of this bill is thus earnestly requested.

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**AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL GAMING COMMISSION,
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SEC. 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to regulate the operation and conduct of games of chance and other related activities within the territorial jurisdiction of the Republic of the Philippines.

SEC.2. *Creation of the National Gaming Commission-* To implement State policy and pursue the objectives set forth in the preceding section, there is hereby created a National Gaming Commission, hereinafter referred to as the “NGC”, which shall have regulatory power over all games of chance and other numbers game within the territorial jurisdiction of the Republic of the Philippines.

SEC. 3. *Coverage* -The NGC shall regulate the operation of casinos presently handled by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), the lotto and sweepstakes operated by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), the cockfighting and horse racing games, and the numbers game, otherwise known as “jueteng”.

SEC. 4. *Composition.* – The NGC shall be composed of one (1) Commissioner as its head and five (5) deputy commissioners. Each deputy commissioner shall be in charge of casino, sweepstakes and lotto operations, cockfighting, horse racing, and numbers game.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, other executive issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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