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8
9 HOUSE BILL NO. **4983**



10
11 **Introduced by Honorable Anthony M. Bravo and Honorable**
12 **Cresente C. Paez**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

13 The inconvenient truth about global climate change has gone through profound cycles of
14 cooling and warming and the majority researchers have concluded that human activities – in
15 particular, greenhouse gas emissions- are now significant causes of global warming.

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17 Droughts are already rampant in the African Continent. While they are not getting a ton of
18 publicity yet, NASA predicts that “by 2020, between 75 to 250 million people are projected
19 to be exposed to increase water stress”.

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21 Additionally, “yields from the rain-fed agriculture could be reduced by up to 50 percent in
22 some regions by 2020, agricultural production including access to food, may be severely
23 compromised. With these, our country, particularly our government must give special
24 attention to this concern.

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26 Vast land areas for rice production is still dependent on monsoon-based periodic rainfall and
27 its dependency is very risky because there are great variations in the average amount of
28 rainfall received by the various regions.

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30 In the recent economic conditions the agricultural sector is greatly affected by the shortage of
31 the basic needs of the people which is rice. There is always a threat in our food security. It is
32 just proper to urgently support the programs, projects and activities of our government
33 particularly the operations and management of the National Irrigation Administration which
34 is one of the implementing arms of the Agricultural Department.

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36 More so, of Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution- Social Justice and Human Rights provides
37 in Section 1 - the Congress shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures to
38 protect and enhance the right of the people to human dignity, reduce social, economic, and
39 political inequalities remove cultural inequities by equitably diffusing wealth.

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41 Section 5 under the same Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides that the **State shall**
42 **recognize all the rights of the farmers, farm workers,** and landowners, as well as
43 cooperatives and other independent farmers organizations to participate in the planning,
44 organization, and management of the program, and shall **provide support for the**

1 **agriculture** through appropriate technology and research and adequate financial, production,
2 marketing and support services.

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4 To note, National Irrigation Administration objective is for the sustainable development and
5 management of water resources for irrigation consistent with the Agricultural programs of the
6 Department of Agriculture in particular and National government in general.

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8 Pursuant to NEDA Resolution No. 20 Series of 1978, is the National policy that the
9 government shall bear the cost of interest of all indebtedness for the construction of irrigation
10 projects in order not to discourage the participation of farmers-beneficiaries in the
11 development and operation of irrigation facilities.

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13 However, with respect to the operation and maintenance of these irrigation facilities, the
14 expenses is being charge or being collected to the lowly- income farmers through Irrigation
15 Service Fee. Hence, practically, the full support of the government is not there, even there
16 was already an amendment of Republic Act (R.A) 3601 by Presidential Decree (PD) 552
17 increasing its capitalization and broadening its authority.

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19 Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, being its main objective is to generate fund for the
20 health programs and charities (Welfare) of the country can be a saving tool to help support
21 the other national welfare projects and programs of the government particularly the
22 agricultural sector by helping the lowly farmers by decreasing at least five (5%) percent from
23 the fifty five (55%) Prize Fund and add instead such five (5%) to thirty (30%) percent Charity
24 Fund allocated fund program of the PCSO. In here, the Original 30% percent for the charity
25 fund will not be diminished or decreased and the 5 percent that will be taken from the prize
26 fund will go to the operating and maintenance fee of the irrigation system being managed by
27 the National Irrigation Administration thereupon, the Irrigation Service Fee being collected
28 from our lowly farmers will practically be subsidized by this proposed amendment of the
29 Charter of the PCSO. Hence, the abolition of Service Irrigation Fee.


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14 **AN ACT AMENDING SECTION SIX LETTER A AND B OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.**
15 **1169, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY**
16 **SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE**

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19 Be enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress
20 Assembled

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23 SEC.1 Section six of Republic Act Numbered Eleven Hundred and sixty-nine is hereby
24 amended to read as follows:

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26 "SEC.6 Allocation of Net Receipts. - From the gross receipts from the sale of sweepstakes
27 tickets, whether for sweepstakes races, lotteries or other similar activities, shall be deducted
28 the printing cost of such tickets, which in no case shall exceed two percent of such gross
29 receipts to arrive at the net receipts. The net receipts shall be allocated as follows:"

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31 "A. **Fifty percent (50%)** shall be set aside as a prize fund for the payment of prizes,
32 including those for the owners, jockeys of running horses, and sellers of winning tickets."

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34 "Prizes not claimed by the public within one year from date of draw shall be considered
35 forfeited, and shall form part of the charity fund for disposition as stated below."

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37 "B. **Thirty percent (30%)** shall be set aside as contributions to the charity fund from which
38 the Board of Directors, in consultation with the Ministry of Human Settlements on identified
39 priority programs, needs and requirements in specific communities and with the approval of
40 the Office of the President (Prime Minister), shall make payments or grants for health
41 programs, including the expansion of existing ones, medical assistance and services and/or
42 charities of national character, such as the Philippine National Red Cross, under such policies
43 and subject to such rules and regulations as the Board may from time to time establish and
44 promulgate. **And Five percent (5%) shall be set aside as contribution to the operating**
45 **expenses and maintenance of the irrigation projects by the National Irrigation**
46 **Administration.** The Board may apply part of the contributions to the charity fund to
47 approved investments of the Office pursuant to Section 1 (B) hereof, but in no case shall such

1 application to investments exceed ten percent(10%) of the net receipts from the sale of
2 sweepstakes tickets in any given year.”

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4 “Any property acquired by an institution or organization with funds given to it under this Act
5 shall not be sold or otherwise disposed of without the approval of the Office of the President
6 (Prime Minister), and that in the event of its dissolution all such property shall be transferred
7 to and shall automatically become the property of the Philippine Government.”

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9 “C. Fifteen percent (15%) shall be set aside as contributions to the operating expenses and
10 capital expenditures of the Office.”

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12 “D. All balances of any funds in the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office shall revert to and
13 form part of the charity fund provided for in paragraph (B), and shall be subject to disposition
14 as above stated.”

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16 “The disbursements of the allocations herein authorized shall be subject to the usual auditing
17 rules and regulations.”

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19 **SEC.2 – Repealing Clause** – All laws, decrees, orders, proclamations, rules and regulations
20 or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or
21 modified accordingly.

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23 **SEC.3- Effectivity Clause-** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
24 at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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27 Adopted,
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