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HOUSE BILL NO. 5871

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COLLECTION OF A CASINO
ENTRANCE CHARGE IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND PESOS
(PHP 3,000.00) FROM ANY AND ALL PERSONS ENTERING ANY
CASINO AND SIMILAR GAMING ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE
PURPOSE OF ENGAGING IN GAMBLING AND RELATED GAMING
ACTIVITIES THEREIN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Introduced by: REP. RODOLFO T. ALBANO III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Resorts World casino tragedy that senselessly claimed lives and caused injury to many people brought to public attention the sad state of regulation and administration of gaming and gaming establishments in the country. As important, it called attention to the sinister effects of gambling addiction especially among those who do not have or can ill afford the financial resources needed to engage in casino gambling.

This bill seeks to strengthen regulation of the participation or engagement of citizens in casino gambling by ensuring that those who enter casinos and similar gaming establishments have the minimum resources to engage in gambling activity therein.

A casino entrance charge, collected from any person who is not an official or employee of any casino every time he or she enters a casino and similar gaming establishments, will serve as a deterrent to those who lack the resources or can ill afford to engage in casino gambling, from entering any casino.

The charges collected shall constitute a special fund which shall be utilized for the establishment and maintenance of children and youth welfare centers to be established nationwide under the supervision of the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

In this light, we seek the immediate consideration and passage of this bill.



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Be it enacted by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines, in session assembled :

Section 1. *Purpose.* – This act addresses the need to ensure that persons entering any and all casinos have the financial resources to engage in any form of gambling and related activities therein and to strengthen the regulation of gambling activities in the country.

Section 2. *Casino Entrance Charge (CEC)* – The amount of Three Thousand Pesos (PHP 3,000.00) shall be collected from every person entering any casino for the purpose of engaging in any and all gambling and related gaming activities therein, *Provided, That*, the entry and presence of any person who is not a casino official or employee in any of the designated gaming areas of a casino during casino operating hours shall be deemed for the purpose of engaging in gambling and related gaming activities therein.

Section 3. *Collection and Use of the Casino Entrance Charge (CEC)* - The CEC shall be collected by the gaming establishment where the casino is located and shall be used to create a Special Fund to be utilized for the establishment and maintenance of children and youth welfare centers in the country under the supervision of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, *Provided, That*, fifty per cent of the amount collected in any casino shall be for children and youth welfare programs in the city or municipality where the casino is located.

Section 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* - The Department of Budget and Management, the Department of Finance, the Department of Interior and Local Government, and the Department of Social Welfare and Development shall formulate and promulgate the implementing rules and regulations of this act within three months after its effectivity.

Section 5. *Repealing/ Amendatory Clause* - All laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

Section 6. *Effectivity* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,