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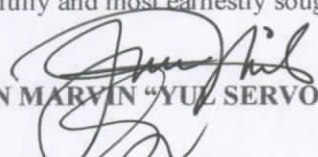
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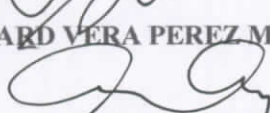
As a manifestation of support to this timely piece of legislation, this representation respectfully refiles this bill, which has constantly been receiving support from the past and present (Rep. Eric Olivarez's HB 4324) congress.

For about two decades since the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office introduced the Lotto, scores of Filipinos have won jackpots and whose lives improved. But still, scores more should have likewise won had it not for the standard paper used in printing lottery tickets.

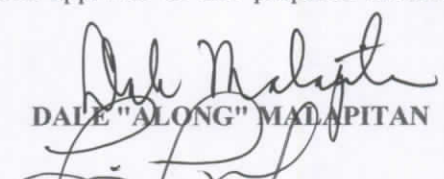
Up to the present time, Lotto tickets are printed on thermal paper, the resultant printout of which fades in a very short period of time notwithstanding the greater degree of safekeeping. It defeats the one-year period of claiming within which winning tickets can be validated leading to a successful claim, whether for the jackpot or other cash prizes. There had been countless accounts of unsuccessful claimants whose supposed winning tickets failed the validation test due to the sole fact that the printouts became too pale to yield validation. By using non-thermal paper, recyclable paper or paper of robust quality, Lotto tickets bearing winnings would only require the degree of ordinary diligence and thus dispense the anxiety of frustration among claimants. Moreover, the possibility of reducing expenses in producing thermal paper would be most likely at hand.

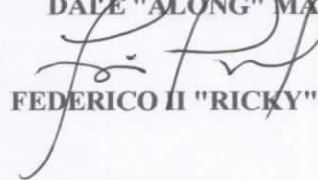
In view of the foregoing, the favorable consideration and approval of this proposed measure is respectfully and most earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

REQUIRING THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO) TO PRINT THE LOTTO TICKETS ON A NON-THERMAL PAPER OR ANY KIND OF RECYCLABLE PAPER WHICH ENSURES THAT THE PRINTINGS THEREON CANNOT BE EASILY ERASED OR OBSCURED BY SIMPLE SCRATCHES AND CRUMPLES, AND CAN WITHSTAND REASONABLE HEAT, THEREBY REDUCING THE POSSIBILITY OF TICKET SPOILAGE

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

Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the PCSO Lottery Paper Act of 2016.

Section 2. Coverage. This Act shall cover all kinds of lottery or similar games being operated/implemented now and in the future by PCSO in the Philippines nationwide, provided that the said lottery or game involves tickets which the public have to purchase, and present upon winning.

Section 3. Definition of Terms.

Lottery - a means of raising money by selling numbered tickets and giving prizes to the holders of numbers drawn at random.

Thermal paper - a special fine paper that is coated with a chemical that changes color when exposed to heat. It is used in thermal printers and particularly in inexpensive or lightweight devices such as adding machines, cash registers, credit card terminals, and lottery tickets.

Recyclable Paper - for purposes of this Act, the term recyclable paper is a paper that is reconstituted into paper again. The best paper to be using is 100% post-consumer recycled paper that is made from paper scrap that can, no longer be used for its intended purpose by the consumer, which is reprocessed into paper again. This paper is collected from offices, households and industry by local councils and scrap paper merchants.

Durable and heat-resistant paper - for purposes of this Act, the term heat-resistant paper pertains only to kinds of paper which do not get the printing thereon easily erasable despite being scratched, crumpled, dampened, or exposed to a reasonable amount of heat. This however does not mean that the paper itself must be totally indestructible or fire-durable.

Section 4. Lottery Tickets Printed on Non-thermal Paper, Any Recyclable Paper or Any Durable and Heat-resistant Paper. The PCSO shall print the tickets used in any lottery or similar games operated by the said office/agency in the country, on a non-thermal paper, any recyclable paper

or any kind of durable and heat-resistant paper which ensures that the printings thereon cannot be easily erased or obscured by simple scratches and crumples, and can withstand reasonable heat.

Section 5. Period of Compliance. The PCSO shall comply with the requirements and provisions of this Act within three (3) months from the effectivity of this Act.

Section 6. Raw Material Procurement. The procurement process of raw materials (i.e. new non thermal papers, any recycle paper and/or durable, heat resistant papers) needed for compliance with this Act shall be in accordance with the existing rules and procedures for the old papers being used by PCSO before the effectivity of this Act.

Section 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) with the approval of the Office of the President shall promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act. Such rules and regulations shall take effect upon their publication in three (3) newspapers of general circulation.

Section 8. Repealing Clause. All laws, presidential decrees, letters of instructions, executive orders, rules and regulations insofar as they are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or amended as the case may be.

Section 9. Separability Clause. In the event that any provision of this Act or any portion thereof is declared unconstitutional by a competent court, the other provisions shall not be affected thereby and shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section 10. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect after its complete publication in at least three (3) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,