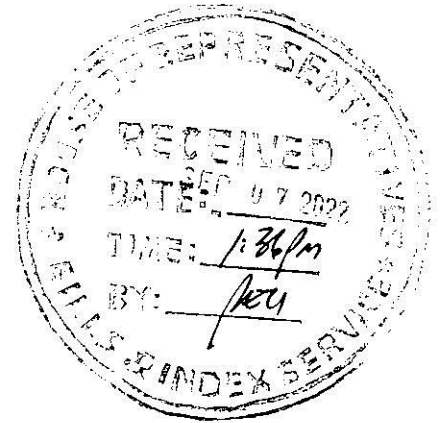


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HOUSE BILL NO. 4528



Introduced by: REP. ARNOLFO "ARNIE" A. TEVES, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On June 18, 1954, Republic Act 1169 was enacted into law providing for charity sweepstakes and lotteries once a month when there are no Sweepstakes draws and races.

In September 1979, Batas Pambansa Blg. 42 was enacted into law amending the PCSO Charter (RA 1169). The law raised the fund allocation for the agency's Charity Fund from the previous 25% of net sales to 30%, while 55% now went to prizes and the remaining 15% for operations. On top of the 30% share from net receipts, all unclaimed prizes go to the Charity Fund.

Despite the notable up-trend in sweepstakes activity, the growing number of requests for greater financial assistance from all over the country has been outstripping the earnings from ticket sales.

As embodied in its charter, the PCSO's primary objective is to provide funds for health programs, medical assistance and services and charities of national character. The PCSO's mandate sets the pace for the development of community health care in all the regional hospitals nationwide through the establishment of Tuberculosis Centers, Cancer and Pain Centers, and Dialysis Centers that deliver vital medical assistance and services to the people.

For instance in 2018, PCSO Vice President and General Manager Royina Garma said that the PCSO paid PHP16.7 billion in taxes while PHP33.6 billion of its revenues went to prizes. This amount could have been used directly to help our less privileged brothers and sisters with their medical needs.

Only PHP9 billion was left to fund the various PCSO charity programs. In view of this, the bill seeks to amend the PCSO charter reverting to its original mandate operating as a charitable institution and concentrate on the implementation of medical health programs and all other activities and programs be removed.

In view of the foregoing immediate passage of the Bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT AMENDING SECTION ONE OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED ELEVEN
HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE
PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Act shall be known as the "PCSO ACT OF 2022.

SECTION 2.

SECTION 1. The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office. — The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, hereinafter designated the Office, shall be the principal government agency for raising and providing for funds for health programs, medical assistance and services, and charities of national character, and as such shall have the general powers conferred in section thirteen of Act Numbered One thousand four hundred fifty-nine, as amended, and shall have the authority.

In accordance with Sec 28 (3) Art. VI of the 1987 Constitution where it provides that "Charitable institutions, churches and parsonages or

convents appurtenant thereto, mosques, non-profit cemeteries, and all lands, buildings, and improvements, actually, directly, and exclusively used for religious, charitable, or educational purposes shall be exempt from taxation" PCSO shall be exempt from Taxation as well as the payment of Documentary Stamp Tax. :

SECTION 3. REPEALING CLAUSE

All laws decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which mandates mandatory contribution from PCSO funds are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY

This Act shall take effect Fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.