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*Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez and
Representative Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr.*

House Bill No. 4714

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Small Town Lottery is the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office's (PCSO) mass-based local lottery in provinces or in highly urbanized or independent component cities. It was introduced by the PCSO with the aim of raising more funds for the government's priority health programs.

With the introduction of the STL and the rise in its popularity, sales of Lotto agents have been adversely affected. STL has a lower minimum bet compared to Lotto which makes it more attractive to the masses.

As such, this bill aims to help lotto agents which will, in turn, help the government raise more funds for its priority health programs.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

**AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1169, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT PROVIDING
FOR CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES HORSE RACES AND LOTTERIES**

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 Paragraph C of Republic Act No. 1169, as amended, is hereby
amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 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:

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“C. To undertake any other activity that will enhance its funds generation
operations and funds management capabilities, subject to the same
limitations provided for in the preceding paragraph.

“It shall have a Board of Directors, hereinafter designated the Board,
composed of [five] SEVEN members who shall be appointed, and whose
compensation and term of office shall be fixed, by the President (Prime
Minister).” OF THE SEVEN MEMBERS, ONE SHALL BE A
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LOTTO AGENTS OF LUZON AND ONE
SHALL BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LOTTO AGENTS OF VISAYAS
AND MINDANAO.

SEC 2. A new Section 10 is hereby added to Republic Act No. 1169, as amended, to read as
follows:

Sec 10. Miscellaneous Provisions –

1. Lotto Agents shall be entitled to a commission of 10% of gross sales of
all lottery games;
2. The commission of Lotto Agents shall not be subject to any form of
taxation;
3. Lotto Agents and their dependents shall have access to an express lane
when availing of medical assistance from the PCSO;

4. In the event of the demise of the lotto agent, the surviving spouse or dependents will assume as the new lotto agent without undergoing the tedious process and requirements in a regular application;
5. Small Town Lottery operations are hereby transferred to legitimate and authorized Lotto Agents.

SEC 3. Sections 10, 11 and 12 of Republic Act No. 1169, as amended are hereby renumbered accordingly.

SEC 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the PCSO, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall prepare the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC 5. Separability Clause. – If any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining sections or provisions with the provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC 6. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, issuance or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC 7. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,