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Introduced by

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A RESOLUTION

TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE CURRENT PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES, AND STRATEGIES OF THE PHILIPPINE RACING COMMISSION (PHILRACOM) IN ENSURING ITS CONTINUING RELEVANCE AND COMPETITIVENESS IN THE EVOLVING LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL HORSE RACING INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, Section 13, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution recognizes the role of sports in fostering national pride, discipline, and excellence, and mandates the State to promote sports programs for the benefit of Filipinos;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Racing Commission (Philracom), created under Presidential Decree No. 420, is mandated to promote, develop, and maintain a

nationwide horse racing industry responsive to the needs of stakeholders and consistent with global standards;

WHEREAS, in recent years, the Philippine horse racing industry has experienced declining economic performance, weaker betting participation, recurring operational disruptions, and growing competition from digital entertainment platforms.

WHEREAS, these concerns have been raised in articles, commentaries, and community discussions throughout 2024 and 2025 and were also highlighted during the General Appropriations Act 2026 budget interpellations, which underscored apprehensions regarding the long-term viability and sustainability of the sector;

WHEREAS, reports and online community observations in early 2025 highlighted race cancellations, regulatory inconsistencies, and an increasing number of violations requiring penalties, which underscored the need for strengthened institutional performance in order to preserve industry confidence and public trust;

WHEREAS, Philracom has identified several initiatives intended to sustain and elevate its relevance, including:

- a. Participation in the International Federation of Horse Racing Authorities Forum on the aftercare and welfare of retired racehorses, which strengthens international cooperation and aligns local practice with global standards;
- b. The annual Horse Racing Expo, successfully organized for three consecutive years, which showcases local talent, strengthens stakeholder engagement, and introduces the sport to new audiences;

- c. The Horse Racing Hall of Fame, conducted three times to honor influential individuals and groups whose contribution has advanced Philippine horse racing and reinforced public recognition of the sport;

WHEREAS, despite these initiatives, the industry continues to face structural challenges that require sustained modernization, improved regulatory mechanisms, better technological adoption, stronger audience engagement, and clearer long-term strategies in order to maintain relevance in a rapidly evolving environment;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the House of Representatives, through the Committee on Games and Amusements, to examine the effectiveness of Philracom's ongoing efforts and to determine what legislative measures are necessary to secure the continuing growth and relevance of Philippine horse racing;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives urge the Committee on Games and Amusements to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation into the programs and initiatives of the Philippine Racing Commission that seek to strengthen its relevance, competitiveness, and institutional performance within the Philippine horse racing industry.



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