



Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 35th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON JUNE 16, 2020.

PRESENT:

FAUSTINO G. DY III	Vice Governor & Presiding Officer
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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-19-1
SERIES OF 2020

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OBJECTION AND OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF GAMING OPERATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA DUE TO THE PERVASIVENESS OF COVID-19

Sponsor: HON. ED CHRISTIAN S. GO

Chairperson, Committee on Games and Amusement

Co-Sponsor: HON. EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES

Chairperson, Committee on Health and Sanitation

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, the Committee on Games and Amusement, acting as a Committee of the Whole, held a Committee Hearing to make an inquiry into, among other matters, the share of the Provincial Government of Isabela in the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) Charity Fund, the status of the PCSO financial assistance program to indigent individuals, and the propriety of resuming the gaming operations of PCSO in the Province;

WHEREAS, the Committee on Games and Amusement was constrained to reschedule the said Committee Hearing on June 03, 2020 due to the absence of an indispensable personality thereto - Ms. Yamashita B. Japinan, Branch Manager of PCSO

Nagkaisa para sa Isabela

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Isabela, since her statements and testimonies are crucial to the outcome of the Committee Hearing and determinative to the action that the Committee will take relative to the issue;

WHEREAS, the Committee on Games and Amusement and the Committee on Health and Sanitation agreed to address the above issues in concert, and further concurred to hold the rescheduled Committee Hearing jointly;

WHEREAS, presented documents during the June 3rd Joint Committee Hearing of both Committees revealed that the Provincial Government of Isabela receives a meager 0.2% from the PCSO Charity Fund obtained from local Small-Town Lottery Operations. The two Committees find this allotment unfair and grossly insufficient;

WHEREAS, submitted Affidavits executed by the Sales Supervisors of local PCSO Authorized Agent Corporations (AACs), and as affirmed by the same affiants during the Joint Committee, claimed that PCSO Isabela was unmindful of their plight and concerns as they received only 7% commission instead of the contractually stipulated 10%;

WHEREAS, as per statement of Ms. Yamashita B. Japinan, PCSO Isabela significantly reduced the cap amount of its Financial Assistance Program to indigents from Php 400,000.00 to Php 150,000.00;

WHEREAS, it was also unearthed that hospitals owned and operated by the Provincial Government of Isabela did not receive any monetary aid from the 447 Million-Peso Financial Assistance to Hospitals of the PCSO granted pursuant to the Bayanihan to Heal as One Law;

WHEREAS, the complete disregard of the PCSO to the Provincial Government of Isabela in the extension of monetary aid from the Php447 Million PCSO Financial Assistance to Hospitals, and the significant reduction of its financial assistance to our indigent constituents are puzzling, disheartening, and infuriating;

WHEREAS, considering that the pandemic has severely affected the livelihood of our people, it is but proper to discourage them from participating in gambling activities and enjoin them to use their earnings, or any government-provided monetary assistance they receive, for the purchase of basic necessities and procurement of essential services;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the anti-COVID19 guidelines of the Inter-Agency Task Force Against Emerging Infectious Diseases, the National Government and its concerned offices, the Provincial Government of Isabela mandates local businesses to implement health measures and to observe safety protocols prior to the resumption and during business operations;

WHEREAS, in view of the fact that gambling bets are placed and received personally between bettors and PCSO-authorized bet collectors, stringent health measures must be established and duly implemented to prevent disease transmissions;

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body considers the resumption of PCSO gaming operations as ill-timed due to the fact that the Province of Isabela is experiencing a

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reemergence of COVID-19 (as of June 16, 2020, there is a total of 5 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Region II, 4 of which is from the Province of Isabela);

WHEREAS, with the joint vote of the members of the Committee on Games and Amusement and the Committee on Health and Sanitation, and with the unanimous concurrence of the Honorable Members of this Body, it was agreed that this Honorable Body will interpose an objection and opposition to the proposed resumption of the gaming operations of the PCSO in the Province of Isabela, and will only withdraw such dissent until the following are carried out, implemented, and achieved by PCSO Isabela and its AACs:

- PCSO Isabela to increase the 0.2% share of the Provincial Government of Isabela in the Charity Fund obtained from local STL Operations to a more equitable percentage;
- PCSO Isabela to increase the cap amount of their Financial Assistance Program to indigent Isabeleños;
- PCSO Isabela shall compel its AACs to extend to the latter's employees their full benefits and other entitlements. Further, PCSO Isabela shall ensure that Sales Supervisors of its AACs are receiving their rightful commission;
- AACs shall, prior to resumption of operations: subject their Sales Employees to COVID-19 Testing; and ensure that they are COVID-19 negative; and that bet collectors are equipped with personal protective items such as, among others, face masks, sanitizers, and gloves when collecting bets;
- PCSO-Isabela and their AACs shall strictly observe physical distancing and check the temperature of all persons entering their establishments; place sanitizing floor mats at entrances and exits; routinely disinfect their premises; and adopt any other appropriate measures to prevent any disease transmission.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, upon motion of **HON. ED CHRISTIAN S. GO**, duly approved and seconded in a session duly assembled, it was –

RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES, TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OBJECTION AND OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF GAMING OPERATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA DUE TO THE PERVASIVENESS OF COVID-19;

RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish the Provincial Governor, Hon. Rodolfo T. Albano III, a copy of this Resolution for his guidance and further action; and Ms. Yamashita B. Japinan, Branch Manager of PCSO Isabela, and Ms. Royina Marzan Garma, PCSO General Manager, for their information.


Approved and Adopted, June 16, 2020.


I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS
of the foregoing Resolution:



ATTY. FRANCIS JAMES E. MEER
Secretary, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

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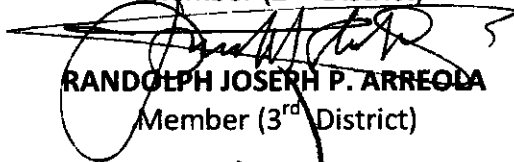
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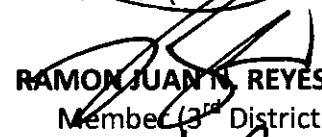

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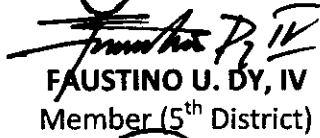

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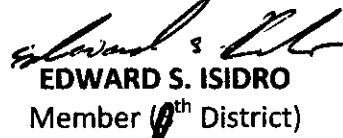

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