

Republic of the Philippines PROVINCE OF ISABELA

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Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 41st REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON AUGUST 04, 2020.

PRESENT:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-25-3 **SERIES OF 2020**

A RESOLUTION RESTATING WITH PROFOUND CONVICTION THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN'S OBJECTION AND OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE GAMBLING OPERATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA AMIDST THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Sponsor: HON. EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES

Chairperson, Committee on Health and Sanitation

Co-Sponsor: HON. ED CHRISTIAN S. GO

Chairperson, Committee on Games and Amusement

WHEREAS, in due adherence and compliance to the mandate of the Provincial Government of Isabela (PGI) to uphold and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of Isabeleños, especially amid the ongoing global health crisis, the Committee on Games and Amusement, and the Committee on Health and Sanitation conducted a Joint Committee Hearing, on June 03, 2020, to determine the propriety of the proposed resumption of Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) gaming operations in the

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Province of Isabela, and the just and equitable share of the Provincial Government of Isabela in the PCSO Charity Fund;

WHEREAS, the two Committees uncovered a myriad of adverse findings during the June 3rd Committee Hearing such as, among others: (1) The clear prejudice of PCSO towards the PGI which became more evident in their exclusion of the PGI from receiving any amount in the 447 Million-Peso PCSO Financial Aid to Hospitals; (2) The indifference of PCSO-Isabela and their Authorized Agent Corporations (AACS) to the grievances of the AAC Sales Supervisors regarding their rightful commissions and benefits; (3) PCSO-Isabela and their AACs have no clear and established health protocols which will ensure that their personnel are COVID-19 free, or will minimize their risk from contracting or spreading COVID-19; and worst, (4) The significant and abrupt reduction of PCSO-Isabela's financial aid to our indigent citizens.

WHEREAS, the determination of this Honorable Body of the faults, lapses, and seeming detest of PCSO to the Provincial Government of Isabela merited the passage of Resolution No. 2020-19-01 "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";

WHEREAS, another Committee Hearing was held on July 27, 2020 to re-examine the efforts and commitment of PCSO-Isabela and their AACs to resolve the issues determined by this Honorable Body. It was ascertained therein that PCSO-Isabela and their AACs have not made substantial efforts to address the issues raised in Resolution 2020-19-01, nor have initiated considerable steps towards compliance with the preconditions established thereto;

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body restates its call in Resolution 2020-19-1 that the resumption of PCSO gambling operations amidst this pandemic is ill-timed due to the fact that the Province of Isabela is experiencing, as of late, a steady surge of COVID-19 cases, that such is counter-productive to the efforts of the National Government to resolve this pandemic, and that the finances of the people are better utilized for the procurement of basic necessities and essential services instead of spending such for gambling activities;

WHEREAS, considering PCSO-Isabela and their AACs' apparent lack of interest and concern in correcting and resolving the foregoing issues, and the growing number of COVID-19 cases in the Province, this Honorable Body undertakes to assert its mandate to uphold and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of Isabeleños against any action for the resumption of PCSO gambling operations in the Province of Isabela amidst this pandemic;

WHEREFORE, premises considered, upon motion of Hon. Emmanuel Joselito B. Añes, duly approved and seconded in a session duly assembled it was –

RESOLVED, RESOLVED AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES, TO PASS A RESOLUTION RESTATING WITH PROFOUND CONVICTION THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN'S OBJECTION AND OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE GAMBLING OPERATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA AMIDST THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish the Provincial Governor, Hon. Rodolfo T. Albano III, a copy of this Resolution for his guidance and further action; the Head for Region 02 of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases, Ms. Yamashita B. Japinan, Branch Manager of PCSO Isabela, and Ms. Royina Marzan Garma, PCSO General Manager, for their information.

Approved and Adopted, August 04, 2020.

I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS of the foregoing Resolution:

ATTY. FRANCIS JAMES E. MEER
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

ATTESTED/APPROVED:

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