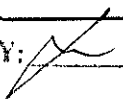


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URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND TRANSPARENT DISCUSSION ON THE PLANNED INTRODUCTION OF "LOTERYA NG BAYAN", THE RE-INVENTED SMALL TOWN LOTTERY (STL), WITH THE END IN VIEW OF DETERMINING ITS NECESSITY AND MERIT

Whereas, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) introduced the Small Town Lottery (STL) in 2005 as a means to stamp out the illegal numbers game, "jueteng" and democratize charity at the national and local levels ;

Whereas, by the end of 2007, PCSO has launched the STL in 15 approved test run areas, namely: Quezon province, Angeles City, Bataan, Occidental Mindoro, Pampanga, Laguna, Bulacan, Negros Oriental, Iloilo City, Tarlac, Oriental Mindoro, Ilocos Norte, Albay, Olongapo City, Batangas;

Whereas, the STL reported gross receipts of only Php 9.5 billion from February 2006 to August 2010;

Whereas, a Senate investigation in September 2010 looked into allegations that jueteng still proliferated by using STL as a front;

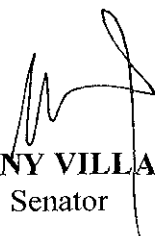
Whereas, the PCSO is set to implement the new game, "Loterya ng Bayan" (LnB) and its IRR in April to replace the STL in an effort to preserve its integrity and prevent as much as possible the entry of illegal jueteng operators;

Whereas, PCSO chair Margarita Juico said the Loterya will have new mechanics and will "not be a front for jueteng";

Whereas, the culture of gambling among Filipinos should be eradicated by promoting and sustaining livelihood opportunities instead of introducing an overhauled gambling scheme: Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to urge the Senate Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports and other appropriate committees to conduct a feasibility study and transparent discussion on the planned introduction of "Loterya ng Bayan", the re-invented Small Town Lottery (STL), with the end in view of determining its necessity and merit.

Adopted,


MANNY VILLAR
Senator