


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON), AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE(S) TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED CONTROVERSIES INVOLVING THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO), WITH THE END IN VIEW OF REVIEWING ITS CHARTER¹ AND MAKING AMENDMENTS THERETO IN ORDER TO PROMOTE INTEGRITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN ITS OPERATIONS AND INNOVATION IN THE DELIVERY OF ITS SERVICES

WHEREAS, one of the main objectives of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) is to raise and provide funds for health programs, medical assistance and services, and charities of national character;

WHEREAS, in the past years, the PCSO has been hounded by numerous controversies that have placed the agency in a bad light;

WHEREAS, as a result of said anomalies, graft and plunder charges amounting to P2.9 billion were filed by the Citizen's Crime Watch on February - 2016 before the Office of the Ombudsman against PCSO chairman Irineo "Ayong" Maliksi, the members of the PCSO

¹ Republic Act No. 1169, as amended by Batas Pambansa Blg. 42 and Presidential Decree No. 1157 (*"An Act Providing for Charity Sweepstakes, Horse Races, and Lotteries"*).

Board of Directors, and the executives of gaming companies running STL operations in different towns and cities;²

WHEREAS, in July 2016, another set of graft charges were again filed against Maliksi and several officials of the PCSO for an allegedly anomalous equipment lease deal for lottery operations, stemming from PCSO's extension of a Lottery Equipment Lease Agreement with two companies (which already expired last year), without holding a public bidding, which is required under *Republic Act No. 9184* or the *Government Procurement Reform Act*;³

WHEREAS, an inquiry into the foregoing allegations is necessary considering that any suspicion on the credibility of the PCSO undermines the trust given by the public to the institution. More importantly, these irregularities involved public monies that appear to have been squandered and diverted from their intended purposes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE, THAT THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON), AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE(S) BE DIRECTED TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED CONTROVERSIES INVOLVING THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF REVIEWING ITS CHARTER AND PROPOSING AMENDMENTS THERETO IN ORDER TO PROMOTE INTEGRITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN ITS OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATE INNOVATIONS IN THE DELIVERY OF ITS SERVICES.

Adopted,


AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III

² Retrieved from: <http://www.tribune.net.ph/headlines/pcso-s-maliksi-faces-plunder-charges>, on August 10, 2016.

³ Retrieved from: <http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/575273/news/nation/former-incumbent-pcso-chairs-face-graft-over-lottery-equipment-lease-deal>, on August 10, 2016.