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ABAYON, PRIMICIAS-AGABAS AND BRAVO (M.V.), PER COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 242

AN ACT DESIGNATING CASINOS AS COVERED PERSONS UNDER
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001", AS AMENDED

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 3(a) of Republic Act No. 9160, as amended, is
2 hereby further amended as follows:

3 “(a) ‘Covered persons’, natural or juridical, refer to:

4 “x x x

5 “(8) CASINOS, INCLUDING INTERNET AND SHIP-BASED
6 CASINOS, AND CHIPWASHING OR JUNKET OPERATORS,
7 WITH RESPECT TO THEIR CASINO FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS
8 RELATED TO THEIR GAMING OPERATIONS.”

9 x x x.”

10 SEC. 2. Section 3(b) of Republic Act No. 9160, as amended, is hereby
11 further amended to read as follows:

1 “(b) ‘Covered transaction’ is a transaction in cash or
2 other equivalent monetary instrument involving a total amount
3 in excess of Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00)
4 within one (1) banking day[.]; FOR COVERED PERSONS UNDER
5 SECTION 3(a)(8), A SINGLE CASINO FINANCIAL TRANSACTION
6 INVOLVING AN AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF FIVE MILLION PESOS
7 (P5,000,000.00) OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN ANY OTHER CURRENCY:
8 *PROVIDED*, THAT THE SAID THRESHOLD MAY BE ADJUSTED BY
9 THE COUNCIL BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
10 CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CREATED UNDER
11 SECTION 19 HEREOF.”

12 SEC. 3. Section 3 of the same Act shall have a new paragraph (l) to
13 read as follows:

14 “(L) FOR PURPOSES OF COVERED PERSONS UNDER
15 SECTION 3(a)(8), THE FOLLOWING TERMS ARE HEREBY
16 DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

17 “(1) ‘CASINO’ REFERS TO A BUSINESS AUTHORIZED
18 BY THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCY TO ENGAGE IN
19 GAMING OPERATIONS; ‘INTERNET-BASED CASINO’ SHALL
20 REFER TO CASINOS IN WHICH PERSONS PARTICIPATE BY THE
21 USE OF REMOTE COMMUNICATION FACILITIES SUCH AS, BUT
22 NOT LIMITED TO, INTERNET, TELEPHONE, TELEVISION, RADIO
23 OR ANY OTHER KIND OF ELECTRONIC OR OTHER TECHNOLOGY
24 FOR FACILITATING COMMUNICATION; ‘SHIP-BASED CASINO’
25 SHALL REFER TO CASINOS, THE OPERATION OF WHICH IS
26 UNDERTAKEN ON BOARD A VESSEL, SHIP, BOAT OR ANY OTHER
27 WATER-BASED CRAFT WHOLLY OR PARTLY INTENDED FOR
28 GAMBLING;

1 “(2) ‘CASINO FINANCIAL TRANSACTION’ REFERS TO
2 TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING THE RECEIPT OF CASH OR OTHER
3 MONETARY INSTRUMENT BY A CASINO PAID BY OR ON BEHALF
4 OF A CUSTOMER; OR TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING THE PAYOUT
5 OF CASH OR OTHER MONETARY INSTRUMENT BY A CASINO TO A
6 CUSTOMER OR TO ANY PERSON IN HIS BEHALF. IT SHALL
7 INCLUDE: (i) TRANSFER OF VALUE TO OR FROM ANY CASINO
8 VALUE INSTRUMENT THROUGH WHATEVER MEANS; AND
9 (ii) PURCHASE OR REDEMPTION OF CASINO VALUE
10 INSTRUMENT;

11 “(3) ‘CASINO VALUE INSTRUMENT’ REFERS TO CASINO
12 CHIPS, CASINO REWARD CARDS, GAMING MACHINE TICKET,
13 MARKERS, CASHIER’S ORDER, CHIP PURCHASE ORDER, CHIP
14 CHECK, GIFT CERTIFICATES, AND CASINO DRAFT. IT SHALL
15 ALSO INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT, CUSTOMER’S CREDIT
16 ACCOUNT, CHECK CASHING ACCOUNT, DEPOSIT ACCOUNT OR
17 ANY OTHER ACCOUNT OPENED WITH A CASINO BY OR ON
18 BEHALF OF A CUSTOMER;

19 “(4) ‘GAMING OPERATIONS’ REFER TO THE ACTIVITIES
20 OF THE CASINO, OR CHIPWASHING OR JUNKET OPERATORS
21 OFFERING GAMES OF CHANCE AND ANY VARIATIONS THEREOF
22 APPROVED BY THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY;

23 “(5) ‘CHIPWASHING OR JUNKET OPERATOR’ REFERS TO
24 ANY PERSON WHO BRINGS IN AND/OR EXTENDS CREDIT TO AN
25 INDIVIDUAL, A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS, OR JUNKET PLAYER/S
26 IN THE CASINO PREMISES FOR GAMING PURPOSES; AND

27 “(6) ‘JUNKET PLAYER’ REFERS TO A HOLDER OF A
28 FOREIGN PASSPORT WHO IS SPECIFICALLY BROUGHT INTO THE
29 PHILIPPINES BY CASINO OPERATORS OR CHIPWASHING OR
30 JUNKET OPERATORS TO PLAY IN THE CASINO PREMISES.”

1 SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared
2 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of other
3 provisions hereof.

4 SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances
5 or portions thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
6 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

7 SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
8 following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general
9 circulation.

Approved,

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