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## POSITION PAPER

Senate Bill No. 1470

### AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY OFFICE

At the outset, the League of Provinces of the Philippines would like to express its full support to the spirit and intent of Senate Bill No. 1470 entitled, **"AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY OFFICE,"** sponsored by Sen. Panfilo Lacson Jr.

The amendment of the charter of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, and its conversion into the Philippine Charity Office is very timely to allow the agency it to adapt to the current governance conditions and systems of lottery and the like.

In order, however, to achieve the primary purpose of the agency to raise and provide funds for health programs, medical assistance and services through the conduct of lotteries, sweepstakes and other similar activities, and harmonize some provisions of R.A. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991, the League would like to propose the inclusion of some amendments as follows:

1. On Sec. 12, the insertion of a statement after the first sentence of the second paragraph which states: **"No Authorized Agent Corporation shall be granted a license unless it is able to secure a Certificate of No Objection from the province and city/municipality where it is applying to operate."**

The proposed provision is consistent with Sec. 2, paragraph c of the Local Government Code requiring national government agencies and offices to conduct periodic consultations with appropriate LGUs, CSOs and other concerned sectors. The same state policy is reiterated in Sec. 27 of the Code which provides that: *"No project or program shall be implemented by government authorities unless the consultations mentioned in Sections 2 (c) and 26 hereof are complied with, and prior approval of the Sanggunian concerned is obtained."*

Apart from it being compliant with the Code provisions, the "Certificate of No Objection" from the LGU concerned is likewise akin to an endorsement of the social acceptability of the operation, holding and conduct of local lotteries in the area.

In keeping with the principles of decentralization and local autonomy, requiring the certification from the LGU also allows the latter to ensure that the outlets being put up in



their respective jurisdiction comply with zoning ordinances as well as other local edicts.

Relative to this, the League respectfully furnishes you with a copy of its General Assembly Resolution No. 2017-008 requesting the PCSO to require clearance or Certificate of No Objection from the province concerned prior to allowing an entity to operate STL or other legal number games, and for the PCSO to provide the LGU with monthly reports of the revenues generated by these entities.

2. The League of Provinces of the Philippines likewise support the proposal to grant a share in the proceeds of the gross sales/receipts in their respective localities, as well as the earmarking of the said shares for local health programs and projects.

The provision earmarking a portion of the gross/sales receipts of the proposed PCO to provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays is a form of equity for LGUs relative to the social cost of operating these legal lotteries.

In the case of provinces, Sec. 17, sub-section (b) paragraph (3) of the Local Government Code, mandates the former to be responsible for the operation and maintenance of provincial hospitals and other tertiary care services.

The implementation of the "No Balance Billing Policy" by the national government for all indigent patients admitted in government hospitals has a major financial impact in the operations of local hospitals, as well as the budgetary allocation of provinces for the maintenance and operation of their hospitals. This happens when the hospital bill of a patient covered under the NBB far exceeds the amount the hospital is able to reimburse from the Philhealth under its current case rate system.

For your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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