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## MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 20

## ENJOINING STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF P.D. NO. 1067-B GRANT-ING A FRANCHISE TO THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION (PAGCOR) TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN GAMBLING CASINOS.

WHEREAS, certain conditions are imposed on the franchise holder of gambling casinos;

WHEREAS, one of the conditions imposed is that only tourists and/or foreigners who are not residents of the Philippines, and residents with a net income for the previous year of at least P50,000.00, which fact should be certified by the Bureau of Internal Revenue, shall be allowed to play at the gambling casinos;

WHEREAS, the following persons are not allowed to play at the gambling casinos:

- (a) Government officials connected directly with the operation of the government or any of its agencies.
- (b) Members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, including the Army, Navy, Air Force or Constabulary.
- (c) Persons under 21 years of age or students of any school, college or university in the Philippines.

WHEREAS, it has been reported that many government officials and even members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines are seen at the casinos;

WHEREAS, there is need to enforce strictly the aforementioned conditions set by law.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, it is hereby directed:

1. All heads of ministries, bureaus and offices, governmentowned or controlled corporations and local governments, including the AFP, to reiterate the prohibition against officials and employees under them from going to the casinos. 2. The PAGCOR Management to judiciously enforce the law on who should be allowed to stay in the premises of the casinos.

3. The Chief of Constabulary, in coordination with PAGCOR Management, to implement the provisions of this Circular.

This Memorandum Circular takes effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

KER P. ARROYO Executive Secretary

Manila, October 8, 1986