



Republic of the Philippines

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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**REITERATING DILG MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2017-20 ENTITLED,
"ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO STRICTLY
OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE PROHIBITION AGAINST ENTERING, STAYING
AND/OR PLAYING AT GAMBLING CASINOS"**

Memorandum Circular No. 2018-25
February 28, 2018

1.0 Background

On February 2, 2017 the Department issued Memorandum Circular No. 2017-20 in support to the President's Directive to strictly implement and prohibit all government officials including their immediate relatives from entering, staying and/or playing at gambling casinos in order to immediately address the negative effect on the public perception of government service as a whole that a mere entry or presence of government officials and employees in a gambling casino shall be considered as conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the service, unless the same was in the performance of official duties and functions.

2.0 Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum Circular is to reiterate the pertinent provisions of Presidential Decree No. 1869 dated July 11, 1983, PAGCOR Circular RG 16-003 dated July 25, 2016 and OP Memorandum Circular No. 6 series of 2016, as further highlighted in DILG MC No. 2017-20, to ensure that all local government officials and employees including their immediate relatives (spouses, children and parents) will fully observe and comply with the prohibition against entering, staying and or playing at gambling casinos.

3.0 Scope/Coverage

All Provincial Governors, Vice Governors, City and Municipal Mayors, City and Municipal Vice Mayors, Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Panlungsod, Bayan and Barangay, Punong Barangays, All Local Government Personnel and Employees, DILG Regional Directors, ARMM Regional Governor, and all others concerned.

4.0 Policy Content and Guidelines

- 4.1. All Local Government Officials and Employees are hereby directed to strictly observe and comply with the prohibition against entering, staying and or playing in gambling casinos.

4.2. Said LG Officials and Employees are also directed to remind their respective immediate relatives not to play in gaming establishments around the Philippines in accordance with PAGCOR Circular RG 16-003.

4.3. All DILG Regional Directors and the ARMM Regional Governor are hereby directed to immediately cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to concerned local government units within their respective areas of jurisdiction.

5.0 Penal Provisions

Non-compliance with this Memorandum Circular shall be dealt with in accordance with applicable Civil Service Rules and Regulations, and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations.

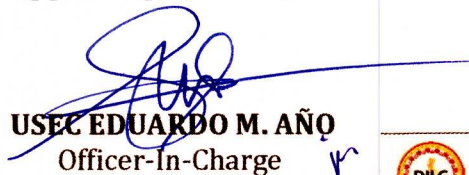
6.0 Repealing Clause

All DILG Memorandum Circulars, directives, orders or other related issuances inconsistent herewith in part or in full, are hereby modified, revoked, or repealed accordingly.

7.0 Effectivity

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

8.0 Approving Authority


USEC EDUARDO M. AÑO
Officer-In-Charge



9.0 Feedback

For related queries, kindly contact the Bureau of Local Government Supervision at Tel Nos. (02) 9289181 or (02) 8763454 local 4211, or at email address at pacts.blgs@gmail.com.

**Office of the President
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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 06

**ENJOINING ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO STRICTLY
OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE PROHIBITION AGAINST GOING TO
GAMBLING CASINOS**

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 6713, otherwise known as the "Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees," provides that it is the policy of the State to promote a high standard of ethics in public service and that government personnel shall discharge their duties with utmost responsibility, integrity, competence, and loyalty, act with patriotism and justice, lead modest lives, and uphold public interest over personal interest;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Presidential Decree (PD) No. 1067-B (s. 1977), as amended by PD No. 1869 (s. 1983), the following are not allowed to play in 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 (AFP), including the Army, Navy and Air Force; and
- c. Persons under 21 years of age or students of any school, college or university in the Philippines.

WHEREAS, Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 20. (s. 1986) and MC No. 8 (s. 2001), reiterated the prohibition on the aforementioned government personnel to enter, stay and/or play at gambling casinos;

WHEREAS, Section 46 (b), Chapter 7, Subtitle A, Title I, Book V of EO No. 292 considers gambling prohibited by law and conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the service as grounds for disciplinary actions;

WHEREAS, it has been reported that many government officials and employees, and even members of the AFP and PNP, have been seen in casinos;

NOW THEREFORE, in order to ensure the observance of the highest ethical standards among public officials and employees, the following are hereby ordered:

1. All government officials and employees shall strictly observe and comply with all pertinent laws, issuances and policies prohibiting government personnel to enter, stay, or play in gambling casinos.

2. All heads of departments, bureaus and offices, government-owned or -controlled corporations and local governments, including those of the AFP and the Philippine National Police, shall remind and reiterate to the officials and employees under them the above-stated laws, issuances and policies, and impose the appropriate sanctions and penalties in case of violation thereof.

In view of its negative effect on the public perception of government service as a whole, the mere entry or presence of government officials and employees in a gambling casino shall be considered as conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the service, unless the same was in the performance of official duties and functions.

3. The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation Management shall ensure strict observance of this Circular by all government officials and employees.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 20th day of **September** in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

By Authority of the President:


SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA
Executive Secretary

