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## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**NO. 2017-29**

**February 10, 2017**

**FOR : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, VICE GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYORS, VICE MAYORS, THE REGIONAL GOVERNOR OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : ISSUANCE/RENEWAL OF BUSINESS PERMITS TO INSURANCE COMPANIES**

This has reference to Republic Act No. 10607, otherwise known as "An Act Strengthening the Insurance Industry, Further Amending Presidential Decree No. 612, otherwise known as the 'Insurance Code', as amended by Presidential Decree Nos. 1141, 1280, 1455, 1460, 1814 and 1981, and Batas Pambansa Bilang 874, and for Other Purposes, that expressly disallows any kind or form of accreditation scheme or system that prevents or disenfranchises any duly-licensed insurance company from issuing policy or transacting insurance business anywhere in the Philippines.

Section 193 of the said law reads:

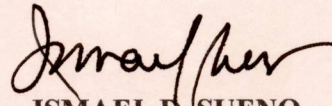
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**No insurance company issued with a valid Certificate of Authority to transact insurance business anywhere in the Philippines by the Insurance Commissioner, shall be barred, prevented, or disenfranchised from issuing any insurance policy or from transacting any insurance business within the scope or coverage of its Certificate of Authority anywhere in the Philippines, by any local government unit or authority, for whatever guise or reason whatsoever, including under any kind of ordinance, accreditation system, or scheme. Any local ordinance or local government unit regulatory issuance imposing such restriction or disenfranchisement on any insurance company shall be deemed null and void ab initio.**

In this regard, all local chief executives are reminded of the above provisions when issuing business permits to insurance companies.

All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to local authorities within their areas of jurisdictions.

For strict compliance.



ISMAEL D. SUENO  
Secretary

