

# ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 222

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 222 - STRENGTHENING THE OPERATIONS OF THE ANTI-ILLEGAL GAMBLING UNIT OF THE GAMES AND AMUSEMENT BOARD

WHEREAS, the government is losing considerable revenues in view of the proliferation of illegal bookie joints;

WHEREAS, these revenues could be substantially utilized to benefit various charitable institutions, civic projects and other development-oriented programs;

WHEREAS, the creation of the Anti-illegal Gambling Unit (AIGU) of the Games and Amusement Board (GAB) by virtue of AO No. 262, series of 1992, inadequately addresses the rapid proliferation of illegal gambling operations;

WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen the GAB-Anti-Illegal Gambling Unit to make it a more effective Task Force designed to combat and prevent the existence and widespread growth of all forms of illegal gambling in professional sports and amusement games;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order that:

SECTION 1. The Anti-Illegal Gambling Unit (AIGU) of the Games and Amusement Board created under AO No. 262 series of 1992, which is tasked to combat and prevent the existence and proliferation of illegal bookie joints and other illegal forms of organized gambling in professional sports and amusement games, is hereby reconstituted to be composed of the following:

- a. Organic personnel to be appointed by the Chairman of GAB;
- b. Detailed personnel to be drawn from the following:
  - b.1 Philippine National Police
  - b.2 National Bureau of Investigation
  - b.3 Philippine Racing Commission
  - b.4 Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office
  - b.5 Other agencies involved in gaming operations
  - b.6 Other law enforcement agencies of the government,

SECTION 2. In addition to its existing powers and functions, the GAB Anti-Illegal Gambling Unit shall monitor the status of arrests made to ensure that the suspects are criminally prosecuted. The Chairman of GAB shall submit a quarterly report on the operations of the GAB-AIGU to the Executive Secretary.

SECTION 3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

*DONE in the City of Manila, this 9th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-five.*