



## 2020 SMALL TOWN LOTTERY REVISED IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (STL RIRR)

### ARTICLE I DECLARATION OF POLICY AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Section 1. Policy Statement.** The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order through policies geared towards providing adequate basic health services and encouraging economic opportunities that will help generate jobs. The State recognizes illegal numbers games as a widespread social menace and a source of corruption as this has become an influential factor in an individual's disregard for the value of dignified work, perseverance, and thrift.

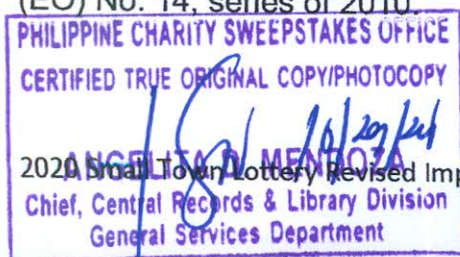
Republic Act (R.A.) No. 1169, as amended, established the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) as the principal government agency for raising and providing funds for health programs, medical assistance and services, and charities of national character. It expressly authorizes the PCSO to hold and conduct lotteries and other similar activities in such frequency and manner in accordance with the rules and regulations determined by its Board of Directors with the approval of the President of the Philippines.

In pursuit of its mandate and the directives of the President of the Philippines, stringent measures shall be adopted to strengthen the Small Town Lottery (STL) to raise more funds for the Government's priority health programs, promote local business opportunities, generate jobs, and stamp out illegal gambling activities.

**Section 2. Rationale.** The PCSO conducted experimental test-runs for the STL, which was later declared as one of the agency's *regular products*. The STL was subsequently expanded nationwide under the *2016 STL Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations*. As part of the PCSO's continuous efforts to improve its regular games, the 2020 Small Town Lottery Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (STL RIRR) are hereby promulgated to strengthen State-run localized lotteries, with the following objectives:

- a. To raise and provide funds for health programs, medical assistance and services, and charities of national character;
- b. To support the national government's drive to eradicate illegal numbers games or operations; and
- c. To generate employment opportunities.

**Section 3. Legal Mandate.** The STL is a State-run local lottery under the control and supervision of the PCSO, a government-owned and/or -controlled corporation (GOCC) under the Office of the President (OP) pursuant to R.A. No.1169, as amended by Batas Pambansa Blg. 42 and Presidential Decree No. 1157, in relation to Executive Order (EO) No. 14, series of 2010.



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