

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1802, January 16, 1981]

CREATING THE PHILIPPINE GAMEFOWL COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Cockfighting as a Filipino heritage has developed to the extent that there is a need to reconcile the interest of Filipino gamefowl breeders and the interest of promoters/operators of international cockfight derbies who make use of imported gamefowls;

WHEREAS, a recognition of the entertainment and attraction to tourism aspects of cockfighting must be coupled with continuous government regulation of such sport;

WHEREAS, there is need to consolidate in one agency the authority, functions and responsibilities pertinent to the regulation of the various aspects of cockpit operation, cockfighting and gamefowl breeding governments as *provided* for by the Revised Penal Code and various ordinances and national agencies as *provided* for in their enabling acts and statutes;

WHEREAS, in keeping with the multifaceted reforms and changes, there was a need to amend Sections 2285 and 2286 of the Revised Administrative Code through the promulgation of Presidential Decree No. 449;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the avowed policies of the government on cockfighting as contained in Presidential Decree No. 449, there is need to incorporate relevant details which are not explicitly *provided* in Executive Order No. 636;

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree:

SECTION 1. *Creation of the Philippine Gamefowl Commission.*—There is hereby created under the Office of the President, the Philippine Gamefowl Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, which shall be composed of nine (9) members, as follows: the Director of Animal Industry, the Chairman of the Games and Amusement Board; a representative of the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development; a representative of the Ministry of Tourism; a representative of the Ministry of Finance; and four (4) other members from the private sector to be appointed by the President, one of whom shall be a representative of a nationwide recognized cockpit owners/operators association.

The President shall designate the chairman of the Commission from among its members.

SEC. 2. *Powers and Functions of the Commission.* —The Commission shall have the following powers, functions and duties:

- a. Promulgate and enforce rules and regulations relative to the holding of cockfight derbies and cockfights in the Philippines including the frequency sites, conduct and operation of such derbies and cockfights;
- b. Issue licenses for the holding of international derbies;