

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 771, August 20,
1975**]

**REVOKING ALL POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF LOCAL
GOVERNMENT TO GRANT FRANCHISE, LICENSE OR PERMIT AND
REGULATE WAGERS OR BETTING BY THE PUBLIC ON HORSE AND
DOG RACES, JAI-ALAI OR BASQUE PELOTA, AND OTHER FORMS
OF GAMBLING**

WHEREAS, it has been reported that in spite of the current drive of our law enforcement agencies against vices and illegal gambling, these social ills are still prevalent in many areas of the country;

WHEREAS, there is a need to consolidate all the efforts of the government to eradicate and minimize vices and other forms of social ills in pursuance of the social and economic development program under the new society;

WHEREAS, in order to effectively control and regulate wagers or betting by the public on horse and dog races, jai-alai and other forms of gambling there is a necessity to transfer the issuance of permit and/or franchise from local government to the National Government;

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. Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, the authority of Chartered Cities and other local governments to issue license, permit or any form of franchise to operate, maintain and establish horse and dog race tracks, jai-alai or other forms of gambling is hereby revoked.

SEC. 2. Hereafter all permit or franchise to operate, maintain and establish horse and dog race tracks, jai-alai and other forms of gambling shall be issued by the national government upon proper application and verification of the qualifications of the applicant: *Provided*, That local governments may, upon clearance from the Chief of Constabulary and during town fiestas and holidays, continue to issue permits for minor games which are usually enjoyed by the people during such celebrations.

SEC. 3. All existing franchises and permits issued by local government are hereby revoked and may be renewed only in accordance with this Decree.

SEC. 4. This Decree shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 20th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E.
MARCOS**
President
Republic of the
Philippines

By the President: