

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 483, June 13, 1974]

PENALIZING BETTING, GAME-FIXING OR POINT-SHAVING AND MACHINATIONS IN SPORTS CONTESTS.

WHEREAS, the evil that is gambling has again shown its ugly head in the recently-discovered game-fixing or point-shaving scandals during sports contests;

WHEREAS, one of the objectives of the New Society is the development and promotion of desirable moral and cultural values;

WHEREAS, there is urgent need to protect our youth and sports programs and the morality of our society, especially the youth, from the eroding influence of unscrupulous persons who, through fraudulent schemes of game-fixing or point-shaving and other machinations, have made basketball and other sports contests, games and races their media of subverting the aims and goals of true Philippine sportsmanship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and pursuant to Proclamations No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972 and No. 1104, dated January 17, 1973; and General Order No. 1, dated September 22, 1972, do hereby order and decree that the following shall be part of the law of the land:

SECTION. 1. Definitions.—For purposes of this Decree the following terms shall mean and be understood to be as hereunder indicated:

- a. *Betting*.—betting money or any object or article of value or representative of value upon the result of any game, races and other sports contest.
- b. *Game-fixing*.—any arrangement, combination, scheme or agreement by which the result of any game, races or sports contests shall be predicted and/or known other than on the basis of the honest playing skill or ability of the players or participants.
- c. *Point-shaving*.—any such arrangement, combination, scheme or agreement by which the skill or ability of any player or participant in a game, races or sports contests to make points or scores shall be limited deliberately in order to influence the result thereof in favor of one or the other team, player or participant therein.
- d. *Game machination*.—Any other fraudulent, deceitful, unfair or dishonest means, method, manner or practice employed for the purpose of influencing the result of any game, races or sports contests.

SEC. 2. Betting, game-fixing, point-shaving or game machination unlawful.—Game-fixing, point-shaving, machination, as defined in the preceding section, in connection with the games of basketball, volleyball, Softball, baseball; chess, boxing bouts, "jai alai", "sipa", "pelota" and all other sports contests, games or races; as well as betting therein except as may be authorized by law, is hereby declared unlawful.

SEC. 3. Penalty.—Any violation of this Decree, or of the rules and regulations promulgated in accordance herewith, shall be punished in the manner following:

- a. When the offender is an official, such as promoter, referee, umpire, judge, or coach in the game, race or sports contests, or the manager or sponsor of any