

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 979, May 21, 1954]

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING MUNICIPAL OR CITY BOARDS AND COUNCILS THE POWER TO REGULATE THE ESTABLISHMENT, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF CERTAIN PLACES OF AMUSEMENT WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTIONS."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled;

SECTION 1. Section one of Republic Act Numbered Nine hundred and thirty-eight is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The municipal or city board or council of each chartered city and the municipal council of each municipality and municipal district shall have the power to regulate or prohibit by ordinance the establishment, maintenance and operation of night clubs, cabarets, dancing schools, pavilions, cockpits, bars, saloons, bowling alleys, billiard pools, and other similar places of amusement within its territorial jurisdiction: *Provided however,* That no such places of amusement mentioned herein shall be established, maintained and/or operated within a radius of five hundred lineal meters from any public buildings, schools, hospitals and churches. *And provided, further,* That this Act shall not apply to establishments operating by virtue of Commonwealth Act Numbered Four hundred eighty-five nor to pre-war establishments that owned, before the outbreak of the war on December seven, nineteen hundred and forty-one, concrete building for the purpose and have reconstructed such building and resumed operation before the approval of this Act."

SEC. 2. Any law, executive order or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, May 21, 1954.



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