



Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 6th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT GAMU MUNICIPAL HALL, GAMU, ISABELA ON AUGUST 18, 2025.

PRESENT:

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ED CHRISTIAN S. GO	Member (2nd District)
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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-27-01

Series of 2025

AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE HANDLING, DISPOSITION AND UTILIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION TRUST FUND ACCOUNT REMITTED AS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA AS HOST PROVINCE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sponsor: HON. JOSE T. PANGANIBAN, JR.

Chairperson, Committee on Games and Amusement

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the Provincial Government of Isabela to promote inclusive growth, strengthen public service delivery, and uplift the quality of life of its constituents through transparent governance, fiscal responsibility, and the strategic mobilization of resources.

Consistent with the principles enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution and the Local Government Code of 1991, the Province of Isabela endeavors to build resilient communities, improve access to social services, and invest in infrastructure that fosters long-term economic progress.

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), as a government-owned and controlled corporation, operates various gaming establishments across the country, and, as part of its income-sharing mandate and corporate social responsibility, remits a monthly share of its earnings to host local government units.

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These remittances are intended to supplement local development efforts by supporting programs and projects that contribute to the holistic development of communities.

On October 20, 2015, the PAGCOR Board of Directors adopted revised guidelines governing the utilization of remitted funds, which require, among others, that the projects to be funded and their respective allocations be jointly approved by the Local Chief Executive and the Sanggunian through an appropriate legislative measure.

Adherence to these guidelines upholds the core values of good governance — transparency, accountability, and participatory decision-making — and ensures that funds are directed toward their intended purposes with maximum impact and public benefit.

This measure is introduced to identify and approve the utilization of PAGCOR funds for priority development projects in the Province of Isabela, in accordance with the revised guidelines, and in pursuit of the Province's commitment to responsive and people-centered governance.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this Ordinance is earnestly sought.

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SECTION 1. Title. – This Ordinance shall be known as the “**PAGCOR Fund Utilization Ordinance of the Province of Isabela.**” It shall govern the handling, disposition, and utilization of the host province share remitted by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) to the Provincial Government of Isabela.

SECTION 2. Qualified Projects. – In accordance with the PAGCOR guidelines, the funds shall only be utilized for the following eligible and priority projects:

- a. **Self-sustaining livelihood projects** at the grassroots level, aimed at providing employment and generating income for marginalized sectors of the community, including persons with disabilities (PWDs), senior citizens, and orphaned or abandoned youth. Whenever feasible, such projects shall utilize indigenous materials and include home-based ventures such as soap-making, meat processing, and similar undertakings that develop skills and enhance income-earning capacity;
- b. **Scholarship programs**, including high-impact short courses such as Computer Science, Tailoring, Automotive Servicing, and other technical-vocational subjects;
- c. **Infrastructure projects** deemed essential to the socio-economic development of the province and its constituent communities;
- d. **Projects related to the delivery of basic health services**, including the improvement of health facilities and the acquisition of necessary equipment for provincial hospitals, rural health units, and barangay health stations. This shall also include disease prevention initiatives such as mass vaccination, sanitation drives, and the construction of sanitary facilities in depressed or vulnerable areas;

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- e. **Peace and order programs**, particularly those intended to strengthen community security, safety, and law enforcement support systems within the province;
- f. **Disaster and emergency response projects**, including the provision of assistance to victims of natural calamities, health emergencies, and acts of terrorism;
- g. **Other anti-poverty programs** intended to benefit disadvantaged or underprivileged sectors.

SECTION 3. Requirements and Conditions. – The Province shall comply with the following requirements or conditions:

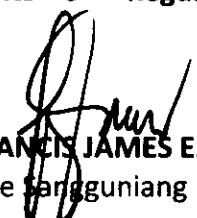
- a. The fund shall be kept in a separate account and shall not be comingled with the general and other funds of the Province;
- b. The projects to be financed and the amount of funding required shall be jointly approved by the Governor and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;
- c. The funds shall not be utilized for salaries and wages of Provincial Government personnel;
- d. Disbursement of funds shall be subject to the requirements and procedures of the Commission on Audit (COA); and
- e. Submission to PAGCOR by the Office of the Governor of a COA certified Utilization Report and other reports which PAGCOR may require.

SECTION 4. Fund Administration. – The **Honorable Governor** is hereby designated as the Administrator of the PAGCOR Trust Fund. The Governor shall submit proposed projects for funding under the PAGCOR Trust Fund to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, which shall review and authorize the same through the passage of a corresponding resolution.


SECTION 5. Separability Clause. – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly enacted by the 12th Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Isabela during its 6th Regular Session on August 18, 2025.


ATTY. FRANCIS JAMES E. MEER
 Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

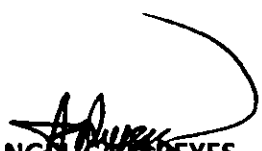
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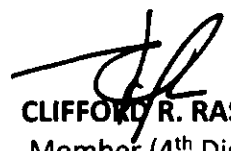
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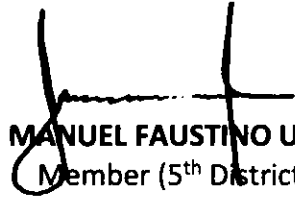

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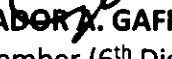

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