

**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1535 - EXTENDING
THE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH TO CONFORM WITH
THE ZONING REQUIREMENTS, PRESCRIBED BY
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 449, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE "COCKFIGHTING LAW OF 1974"**

WHEREAS, cockfighting is still one of the major tourist attractions in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, under existing law, owners, lessees or operators of cockpits are given up to May 9, 1978 to conform with the zoning requirements as prescribed by Section 5 (c) of P.D. No. 449;

WHEREAS, there is a need to extend the period and give these owners, lessees or operators of cockpits, sufficient time within which to conform with these requirements.

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. Owners, lessees or operators of cockpits which are not in existence and have not conformed with the zoning requirements prescribed by law or ordinance are given two (2) more years from date of effectivity of this Decree to comply therewith.

Section 2. All laws, decrees, orders, letters of instructions, rules and regulations or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Decree are hereby repealed, superseded, modified or amended accordingly.

Section 3. This Decree shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 11th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.