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**PNA POSITION STATEMENT ON THE IDEA
THAT NURSE ARE BEING VIEWED AS SEX OBJECT**

The Philippine Nurses Association (PNA) Inc., denounces the idea that Nurses are being viewed upon as a sex symbol.

We write to invite your attention on the picture of the model used by La Bonita Karaoke Bar in Archbishop Avenue, Cebu City, in a provocative postures wearing a nurse like outfit and nursing cap, which was sent to us by one of our Nurses.

Please be guided that aside from our mandate to protect the general welfare and image of our Nurses who works here and abroad to uplift the our profession to the highest standard, we are also coming from the **Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 2006-144 dated October 6, 2006**, which recognized that only registered nurses can wear nursing uniform, which together with nursing cap and pin is a symbol of purity, commitment and service to mankind. Thus, it prohibits improper display and/or use of such uniform tending to diminish or demeans the integrity of the nursing profession.

Accordingly, we expect that PNA-Cebu Chapter will undertake the immediate action on their part to address the afore-mentioned concerned under the circumstances. Please ask assistance from the DILG Cebu and local authorities to remind the establishment and the people behind it of the said prohibition.


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