

**SENATE**

S. No. 2511

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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The recently passed RA 9064, which grants monetary and non-monetary incentives to athletes winning in the international sports competition sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), is a laudable measure in giving recognition to the country's unsung sports heroes. It is very unfortunate however, that other national athletes who have equally brought our country pride and honor by winning in their respective sports disciplines, were left out in this law. These athletes are the World Cuppers whose international competitions were deliberately excluded in the wordings of the law.

This bill seeks to include these equally important international sports competitions such as the world cup and other similar international sports competitions, being participated by more than 45 countries.

Filipinos who were cited to be amongst the World's best athletes, because of their outstanding feat, earned their ranks through the "World Cup" and not in the Olympics and the other IOC sanctioned events. This is simply because the competitive sports Filipinos excels in, like bowling, billiards, practical shooting, sports fishing, to name a few, are events not included in the Olympics, Asian, and SEA Games.

It is but reasonable therefore, to give these world cup Filipino athletes equal recognitions being enjoyed by other athletes as defined in RA 9064, after all, World Cuppers are the ones responsible for making Filipinos celebrated internationally acclaimed athletes.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**

**EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF INCENTIVES EXTENDED TO THE NATIONAL ATHLETES AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9064 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 2001", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**SECTION 1.** – Section 3 (c) of RA 9064, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. Definition of Terms. - For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- (a) National Athletes - xxx
- (b) National Coaches and Trainers – xxx
- (c) International Competitions – shall refer to international sports competition which are sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) **AND INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS (IFs) BEING PARTICIPATED IN BY NO LESS THAN FORTY FIVE (45) COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD** or held every four (4) years including qualifying championships in team sports wherein only one (1) or two (2) countries may qualify for the Olympics or World Championships.

**SEC. 2.** – Section 8 of RA 9064, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 8. *Cash Incentives for National Athletes.* – National athletes who win gold, silver and bronze medals in international competitions shall be entitled to cash awards in the following amounts:

A. Individual Events

(a) For gold medalists:

(1) xxx

(2) xxx

**(3) TWO MILLION PESOS (P2,000,000.00) FOR THE WORLD CUP AND WORLD GAMES;**

(4) One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Asian Games; and

(5) One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) for Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games).

(b) For silver medalists:

(1) xxx

(2) xxx

**(3) SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P700,000.00) FOR THE WORLD CUP AND WORLD GAMES;**

(4) Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) for Asian Games; and

(5) Fifty thousand thousand pesos (P50,000.00) for Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games).

(c) For bronze medalists:

(1) xxx

(2) xxx

**(3) TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P250,000.00) FOR THE WORLD CUP AND WORLD GAMES;**

(4) One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) for Asian Games; and

(5) Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) for the SEA Games.

**SEC. 3.      *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof not consistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 4.      *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision or part of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Act shall not be affected thereby.

**SEC. 5.      *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

***Approved,***