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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The development of grassroots sports in the country has long been overdue. Despite the Filipinos' love for sports and athletics, support to achieve sustained excellence in sports from the private and public sector has been lacking.

With limited resources, the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) has sought to support our national athletes with a proper support system, international exposure, monthly training stipends and adequate training equipment. One major gap is a state-of-the-art facility where budding athletes can be turned into national champions and world icons.

Thus, the bill proposes the establishment of the National Sports Training Center (NSTC) to provide amateur athletes the facility they need for a more apt, focused and scientific training with the hope of nurturing our next generation of world-class athletes.

The NSTC would not only serve as the official venue of training for athletes, but it would also be the center for sports science research and development.

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

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

1        **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "National Amateur Sports  
2 Training Center Act."

3        **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the policy of the state to promote and develop  
4 elite sports in the country to achieve excellence in international sports competitions, to ensure  
5 success in its quest for Olympic Medals, as well as to promote international amity among  
6 nations.

7        **SECTION 3. Establishment of National Amateur Sports Training Center** – To carry out  
8 the above policy, a state-of the-art and highly scientific sports complex hereinafter referred to  
9 as the "National Amateur Sports Training Center (NSTC)" is hereby established.

10        The necessary sports facilities and amenities which are at par with international  
11 standards shall be constructed within a period of eighteen (18) months and after a period of  
12 planning not exceeding six (6) months upon effectivity of this Act in a location suitable and  
13 conducive to high-level training of athletes and preferably located at the outskirts of the  
14 Metropolis free from moral obstruction, noise and air pollution.

15        **SECTION 4. Objectives and Purposes of the National Amateur Sports Training Center.** –  
16 The objectives and purposes of the National Amateur Sports Training Center are as follows:

- 17        a. It shall serve as the official venue of training for the athletes in the National Team  
18 included in the list of sports contemplated herein;
- 19        b. It shall serve as the official home of the national athletes who belong to sports  
20 contemplated herein;
- 21        c. It shall be the center for sports science and research development; and
- 22        d. It shall be used for any other purpose inherent and incidental to the purposes for  
23 which it was created.

1           **SECTION 5. Sports Facilities and Amenities.** – The National Amateur Training Center  
2 shall include the following sports facilities and amenities for the following non-water based  
3 sports:

- 4           a. Archery
- 5           b. Athletics
- 6           c. Badminton
- 7           d. Baseball
- 8           e. Basketball
- 9           f. Beach Volleyball
- 10          g. Bowling
- 11          h. Contacts Sports (Taekwondo, Karate, Judo, Wrestling)
- 12          i. Cycling (Velodrome)
- 13          j. Dance Sport
- 14          k. Football
- 15          l. Gymnastics
- 16          m. Handball
- 17          n. Lawn Tennis
- 18          o. Sepak Takraw
- 19          p. Shooting
- 20          q. Softball
- 21          r. Squash
- 22          s. Table Tennis
- 23          t. Volleyball
- 24          u. Wall Climbing
- 25          v. Weightlifting

26 Other amenities of the NSTC shall include:

- 27           a. Archery Multipurpose Gymnasium
- 28           b. Administration Building
- 29           c. Athletes' Dormitory
- 30           d. Sports Science Building
- 31           e. Mess Hall
- 32           f. Recreation Hall (AV Room)
- 33           g. Library
- 34           h. Weight Training Building
- 35           i. School Building
- 36           j. Conference/ Seminar Hall

37           **SECTION 6. Ownership, Administration, Management, Operation and Maintenance of**  
38 **the Center.** – The ownership of the property where the sports facilities and amenities of the  
39 National Sports Training Center will be constructed is hereby vested to the Philippine Sports  
40 Commission (PSC). Upon completion of the construction of sports facilities and amenities of the  
41 NSTC, the PSC is likewise vested with authority to administer, manage, operate and maintain  
42 the NSTC including but not limited to administration of incidental income, security and  
43 operation of the complex and assignment of personnel to manage the center. Provided, that  
44 the PSC shall employ professional and highly-skilled managers with long and vast experience in  
45 sports administration and management to ensure the maintenance and upkeep of the center  
46 and its facilities and other amenities.

47           **SECTION 7. Creation of the Board.** – To expedite the implementation of establishing and  
48 constructing the NSTC and to ensure its compliance with all the safety standards and

1 construction laws and its technicalities, including international standards in building sports  
2 facilities, the Board is hereby created composed of the following:

- 3 a. Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) – Chairman
- 4 b. DPWH – Co-Chairman
- 5 c. Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) – Member
- 6 d. Local Government Unit (LGU) – Member
- 7 e. Department of Budget and Management (DBM) – Member

8 The Board shall convene immediately upon the effectivity of this Act to discuss and decide on  
9 the following matters and concerns:

- 10 a. Determination of the specific location of the NSTC;
- 11 b. Acquisition of property and transfer of title to PSC;
- 12 c. Site development, planning and design of facilities;
- 13 d. Ensuring safety and security standards are met;
- 14 e. Ensuring that facilities and structures conform to the Building Code of the  
15 Philippines and other pertinent laws as well as international standards; and
- 16 f. Ensuring that appropriate funds are available to implement and complete the  
17 center.

18 The Board shall cease to exist within six (6) months upon completion of the entire NSTC and its  
19 facilities.

20 **SECTION 8. Assistance From Other Government Agencies.** – The PSC may call upon  
21 concerned government agencies for assistance in the acquisition and transfer of Title of the  
22 property where the NSTC will be located, planning and site development of the property,  
23 management of the facilities that shall ensure the safety and security of the National Athletes in  
24 the NSTC and the implementation of an educational program in the center.

25 **SECTION 9. Funding.** – For the construction of the facilities to establish the National  
26 Amateur Sports Center, the amount of Two Billion Pesos (PHP 2,000,000,000.00) from the  
27 National Treasury is hereby appropriated.

28 To finance the maintenance, operation and management of the NSTC one (1) year upon  
29 its completion of construction and operation, the amount of Fifty Five Million Pesos (PHP  
30 55,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated in addition to the general fund allocated for the  
31 *Maintenance and Operating Expenses (MOOE)* of the PSC under the General Appropriations  
32 Act.

33 Likewise, all incidental income that may be derived by the Commission in its  
34 management and operation shall form part of the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF),  
35 which shall be used solely by the PSC for the maintenance, operation, and management of the  
36 facilities in the National Amateur Training Center.

37 **SECTION 10. Tax Exemption.** – The NSTC shall be exempt from the payment of real  
38 estate tax, stamp tax, amusement tax, income tax and/or any other form of taxes on the  
39 properties.

40 **SECTION 11. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The National Sports Commission,  
41 Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) shall  
42 promulgate not later than thirty (30) days upon the effectivity of this Act, the necessary rules  
43 and regulations for its effective implementation.

1           **SECTION 12. *Separability Clause.*** — If any provision of this Act is subsequently declared  
2 invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain  
3 in full force and effect.

4           **SECTION 13. *Repealing Clause.*** — All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders,  
5 issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary  
6 to and inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified  
7 accordingly.

8           **SECTION 14. *Effectivity.*** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete  
9 publication either in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

10           Approved,