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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

It is the policy of the State to promote excellence in sports and through sports by providing for the welfare of national athletes, coaches and trainers competing for the country and particular benefits and incentives for those who have brought honor and recognition to the country by winning in the international competitions. It is true that such policy is included as a motherhood statement of Republic Act No. 9064 or otherwise known as the "National Athletes, Coaches and Trainers Benefits and Incentives Act of 2001." Yet it is also true that this policy is not realized by the mere fact that some of our professional athletes who have served as paragon of excellence in the field of sports and remained as inspiration to aspiring athletes are never granted such benefits and incentives as enjoyed by the national athletes.

In this light, this bill seeks to include Games and Amusements Board (GAB) licensed professional athletes who have won an world or international title in any GAB recognized international or world competition and have given honor and pride to the country the same benefits and privileges as those granted by law to national athletes. After all, what are laws for but to promote the equality of treatment specifically to all those who have one way or another placed the country in the pedestal of fame in the global arena.

The passage of this bill is fervently called for.

  
**MANUEL B. VILLAR, JR.**



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SECTION 3. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 7. *Death Benefits.* - Upon the death of any national athlete, PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE, coach and trainer, his/her primary beneficiaries shall be entitled to a lump sum benefit of Thirty thousand pesos (P30,000.00) to cover for his/her funeral services: *Provided*, That if he/she has no primary beneficiaries, his/her secondary beneficiaries shall be entitled to said benefits.

For purposes of this Act, primary beneficiaries shall refer to the legitimate spouse, legitimate or illegitimate children. Secondary beneficiaries shall refer to the parents, and in their absence, to the brothers or sisters of such athlete, coach and trainer.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, Presidential Decree, Issuance, Executive Order, Letter of Instruction, rules or regulations inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,