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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.

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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## AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED NINETY HUNDRED AND SIXTY FOUR OR OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 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 of Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended to read as

follows:

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

(a) xxx;

(b) PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES - SHALL REFER TO ATHLETES ENGAGED IN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS, WHO ARE FILIPINO CITIZENS, LICENSED BY THE GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS BOARD (GAB), AND HAVE GIVEN HONOR AND RECOGNITION TO THE COUNTRY BY WINNING A WORLD OR INTERNATIONAL TITLE IN ANY GAB RECOGNIZED WORLD OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS' COMPETITION;

(c) PROFESSIONAL SPORT - SHALL BE UNDERSTOOD TO MEAN AN INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM SPORT WHEREIN THE PARTICIPANT ATHLETE ARE PAID SUMS OF MONEY OR OTHER FORMS OF COMPENSATION AS REGULAR SALARY OR PRIZES FOR PARTICIPATING IN GAMES, CONTESTS, BOUTS OR TOURNAMENTS WHICH ARE CONDUCTED UNDER PERMITS DULY ISSUED BY GAB;

(d) NATIONAL COACHES AND TRAINERS - xxx;

(e) INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS - xxx

[Competition granting prize money or those held in honor of any personality or sponsor shall not be included.]

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SECTION 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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SEC. 4. Benefits and Privileges for National Athletes, PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES, Coaches and Trainers. - Any national athlete, PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE, NATIONAL coach and trainer [who is currently registered as such before the PSC] shall be entitled to the following:

(a) xxx;

(b) xxx;
(c) xxx;
(d) xxx;
(e) xxx;
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SECTION 3. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 9064 is herby 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,

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