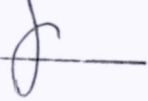


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AN ACT
CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A SPORTS COMPLEX KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE AMATEUR SPORTS TRAINING CENTER", AND FUNDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES, INCLUDING ITS ADMINISTRATION, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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 "*Philippine Amateur*
2 *Sports Training Center Act.*"

3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – As stated under the Article XIV, Section 19 of
4 the Philippine Constitution, the State shall promote physical education and encourage
5 sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for
6 international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the
7 development of a healthy and alert citizenry, To further this policy, the State shall establish
8 and construct state-of-the-art and highly scientific sports complex.

9 **SEC. 3. Creation and Establishment of the Philippine Amateur Sports**
10 **Training Center.** – There is hereby created and established a state-of-the-art and highly
11 scientific sports complex to be known as the Philippine Amateur Sports Training Center.

12 After a period of planning not exceeding six (6) months upon effectivity of this Act,
13 the necessary sports facilities and amenities, which are at par with international
14 standards, shall be constructed within a period of eighteen (18) months in a location
15 suitable and conducive to high-level training of athletes, coaches and referees.

1 **SEC. 4. Objectives of the Philippine Amateur Sports Training Center.** – The
2 objectives of the Philippine Amateur Sports Training Center are as follows:

- 3 a.) To serve as the primary venue for the development of athletes in the National
4 Team and its corresponding training pools included in the list of sports
5 contemplated therein, through the use of scientific principles and programs, proven
6 training techniques, and modern equipment and facilities that are at par with
7 international standards;
8 b.) To contribute to sports science and research as the national sports training
9 institution assisted by the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) through the
10 Philippine Sports Institute (PSI), as mandated by Republic Act No. 6847;
11 c.) To accommodate training and development of coaches and referees;
12 d.) To host local and international competitions, if necessary; and
13 e.) For any other purpose inherent and incidental for the purposes for which the
14 Center was created.

15 **SEC. 5. Sports, Facilities and Amenities.** – The Center shall include the
16 following training facilities and amenities:

- 17 a.) Administration Building
18 b.) Athletes and Coaches Dormitory
19 c.) Baseball Field
20 d.) Beach Volleyball Courts
21 e.) Bowling Center
22 f.) Conference and Seminar Hall
23 g.) Covered Swimming and Diving Pool
24 h.) Football Field
25 i.) Gymnastics Center
26 j.) Multi-purpose Gymnasium
27 k.) Multi-purpose field including, but not limited to – Archery Range, BMX Track,
28 Lawnballs and Petanque Field
29 l.) Rugby Pitch
30 m.) Skeet and Trap Range
31 n.) Softball Field
32 o.) Track and Field Oval
33 p.) Tennis Courts
34 q.) Velodrome
35 r.) Villas for Guests
36 s.) Sports Science Building
37 t.) Mess Hall

- 1 u.) Recreation Hall (AV Room)
- 2 v.) Library
- 3 w.) Weight Training Building
- 4 x.) School Buildings
- 5 y.) Medical Center
- 6 z.) Worship and Meditation Room

7 The Center shall cater to the sports training and development program of National
8 Athletes in the following sports;

- 9 a.) Archery
- 10 b.) Athletics
- 11 c.) Badminton
- 12 d.) Baseball
- 13 e.) Basketball
- 14 f.) Beach Volleyball
- 15 g.) Bowling
- 16 h.) Contact and Combat Sports
- 17 i.) Cycling (Velodrome and BMX Track)
- 18 j.) Dance Sport
- 19 k.) Football
- 20 l.) Gymnastics
- 21 m.) Handball
- 22 n.) Lawn Tennis and Soft Tennis
- 23 o.) Sepak Takraw
- 24 p.) Shooting
- 25 q.) Softball
- 26 r.) Squash
- 27 s.) Swimming
- 28 t.) Table Tennis
- 29 u.) Volleyball
- 30 v.) Wall Climbing
- 31 w.) Water Polo
- 32 x.) Weightlifting

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34 Any other sports, not included above, shall be made part of the Philippine Amateur
35 Sports Training Center's sports training and development program, as determined by the
36 PSC.

1 **SEC. 6. Ownership, Administration, Management, Operation and**
2 **Maintenance of the Center.** – The ownership of the property over which the sports
3 facilities and amenities of the Philippine Amateur Sports Training Center will be
4 established is hereby vested to the PSC.

5 The PSC is vested with authority to administer, manage, operate and maintain the
6 training center including but not limited to administration of incidental income, security of
7 the complex, assignment of personnel to manage and operate the complex: *Provided,*
8 That the PSC shall employ a manager with experience in sports administration and
9 management and such other administrative staff as may be needed, and, as determined
10 by the PSC, to ensure the maintenance and upkeep of the Center and its facilities and
11 other amenities.

12 **SEC. 7. Report to Congress.** – The Chairman of the PSC shall submit a report to
13 the Chairpersons of the House Committee on Youth and Sports Development and the
14 Senate Committee on Sports on a quarterly basis regarding the status of the construction
15 of the Philippine Amateur Sports Training Center until the completion of the same.

16 **SEC. 8. Assistance by the Government Entities.** – The PSC may call upon any
17 government agency for assistance in the acquisition and/or possession, including transfer
18 of Title over the property where the Philippine Amateur Sports Training Center will be
19 located, in planning and site development of the property, in the management of the
20 facilities that shall ensure its proper maintenance and safeguard the National Athletes,
21 coaches and staff in the Philippine Amateur Sports Training Center, as well as, in the
22 implementation of its training and skills program.

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24 **SEC. 9. Funding.** – For the establishment and construction of the Philippine
25 Amateur Sports Training Center, the amount of Three Billion pesos
26 (Php3,000,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated and shall be included in the annual
27 General Appropriations Act (GAA). Thereafter, the amount necessary to carry out the
28 other provisions of this Act, particularly for the maintenance, operation and management
29 of the Philippine Amateur Sports Training Center shall be included in the budget of the
30 PSC in the GAA. Likewise, all incidental income that may be derived by the PSC in its
31 management and operation shall form part of the National Sports Development Fund
32 (NSDF).

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34 **SEC. 10. Tax Exemptions.** – The Philippine Amateur Sports Training Center shall
35 be exempt from payment of all taxes, fees, assessments and other charges of the

1 Government, its branches and subdivisions, payment of real estate tax, stamp tax,
2 amusement tax, income tax, and/or any other form of taxes on the properties.

3 The Philippine Amateur Sports Training Center shall likewise be exempt from the
4 payment of customs duties, taxes and tariffs on the importation of equipment and
5 supplies, including those donated to the Center; provided, that these are required in the
6 development of various training of the athletes, coaches and referees, and are of
7 international standards and are not readily available from local manufacturers.

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9 **SEC. 11. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The PSC, Department of
10 Budget and Management (DBM) and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)
11 shall promulgate, not later than thirty (30) days upon the effectivity of this Act, the
12 necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act: *Provided,*
13 That the failure to promulgate the rules and regulations shall not prevent the
14 implementation of this Act upon its effectivity.

15 **SEC. 12. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision or part of this Act, or the
16 application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the
17 remaining sections of this Act or the application of such provision or part hereof to other
18 persons or circumstance shall remain in full force and effect.

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20 **SEC. 13. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and
21 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
22 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

23 **SEC. 14. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
24 from its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
25 circulation.

Approved,