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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article 14, Section 19 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates the State to promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.

Through the years, we have witnessed how the Filipino athletes stand out in various international sports competitions such as the Southeast Asian Games, the Asian Games, para games, world championships and Olympics. The accomplishments of our athletes have inspired and brought pride to the Filipino people, demonstrating that we can excel in sports with hard work, perseverance and determination.

Republic Act No. 10699 was enacted to expand the coverage of incentives granted to national athletes and coaches. This is to recognize their contribution in Philippine sports and for bringing pride and honor to the country. The law, however, seemingly provided disproportionate incentives for those competing in para sport competitions compared to other international competitions. Para-athletics which is

practiced by athletes with a disability must be recognized on the same footing as other international competitions.

Moreover, the law also qualified world competitions as to those held at least every two years with at least forty-five (45) countries participating. This restricts winning athletes in annual world competitions to receive incentives.

This proposed measure seeks to include incentives for athletes competing in world-level competitions which are held annually. This bill also upgrades the incentives for para athletes to be at par with other international competitions of the same caliber. This bill intends to provide equal opportunities and recognition to all athletes, thereby promoting inclusivity and diversity in sports.

In view of the foregoing, the proposed measure is earnestly sought.



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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 8 of the Republic Act 10699, otherwise known as the as the
2 "National Athletes and Coaches Benefits and Incentives Act", is hereby amended to
3 read as follows:

4 "SEC. 8. Cash Incentives for Athletes. — National athletes and other athletes
5 who are not officially or currently members of the national training pool but who have
6 otherwise represented the country in international sports competitions, who win gold,
7 silver and bronze medals in international sports competitions shall be entitled to cash
8 incentives in the following amounts:

9 "a. Individual Events

10 "1. For Gold Medalists:

11 "i. Ten million pesos (P10,000,000.00) and an Olympic Gold Medal of
12 Valor to be issued by the PSC for Summer Olympic and Winter Olympic
13 Games **AND PARALYMPIC GAMES;**

14 "ii. Five million pesos (P5,000,000.00) and an Olympic Gold Medal of
15 Valor to be issued by the PSC for Youth Olympic Games [~~and~~
16 ~~Paralympic Games~~];

1 "iii. Two million pesos (P2,000,000.00) for Asian Games, Asian Winter
2 Games, **AND ASIAN PARA GAMES** and Asian Indoor and Martial Arts
3 Games;

4 "iv. One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) for [~~Asian Para Games and~~]
5 World-level competitions held at least every two years with at least
6 forty-five (45) countries participating;

7 "v. Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) for Asian Beach Games,
8 **WORLD-LEVEL COMPETITIONS HELD ANNUALLY WITH AT**
9 **LEAST FORTY-FIVE (45) COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING**, and
10 Asian-level competitions held at least every two (2) years with at least
11 twenty-five (25) countries participating, and qualifying competitions for
12 World-level and Asian-level games;

13 "vi. Three hundred thousand pesos (P300,000.00) for SEA Games **AND**
14 **ASEAN PARA GAMES; AND**

15 [~~vii. One hundred fifty thousand pesos (P150,000.00) for ASEAN Para~~
16 ~~Games.]~~

17 "(2) For Silver Medalists:

18 "(i) Five million pesos (P5,000,000.00) for Summer Olympic and Winter
19 Olympic Games **AND PARALYMPIC GAMES**;

20 "(ii) Two million five hundred thousand pesos (P2,500,000.00) for
21 Youth Olympic Games [~~and Paralympic Games~~];

22 "(iii) One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Asian Games, Asian Winter
23 Games, **ASIAN PARA GAMES**, and Asian Indoor and Martial Arts
24 Games;

25 "(iv) Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) for [~~Asian Para~~
26 ~~Games and~~] World-level competitions held at least every two (2) years
27 with at least forty- five (45) countries participating;

28 "(v) Two hundred fifty thousand pesos (P250,000.00) for Asian Beach
29 Games, **WORLD-LEVEL COMPETITIONS HELD ANNUALLY WITH**
30 **AT LEAST FORTY-FIVE (45) COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING** and
31 Asian-level competitions held at least every two (2) years with at least
32 twenty-five (25) countries participating, and qualifying competitions for
33 World-level and Asian-level games;

1 "(vi) One hundred fifty thousand pesos (P150,000.00) for SEA Games
2 **AND ASEAN PARA GAMES** [~~and~~].

3 "~~[(vii) Seventy-five thousand pesos (P75,000.00) for ASEAN Para~~
4 ~~Games.]~~

5 "(3) For Bronze Medalists:

6 "(i) Two million pesos (P2,000,000.00) for Summer Olympic and Winter
7 Olympic Games **AND PARALYMPIC GAMES**;

8 "(ii) One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Youth Olympic Games [~~and~~
9 ~~Paralympic Games~~];

10 "(iii) Four hundred thousand pesos (P400,000.00) for Asian Games,
11 Asian Winter Games, **ASIAN PARA GAMES**, and Asian Indoor and
12 Martial Arts Games;

13 "(iv) Two hundred thousand pesos (P200,000.00) for [~~Asian-Para-~~
14 ~~Games and~~] World-level competitions held at least every two (2) years
15 with at least forty- five (45) countries participating;

16 "(v) One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) for Asian Beach
17 Games, **WORLD-LEVEL COMPETITIONS HELD ANNUALLY WITH**
18 **AT LEAST FORTY-FIVE (45) COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING** and
19 Asian-level competitions held at least every two (2) years with at least
20 twenty-five (25) countries participating and qualifying competitions for
21 World-level and Asian- level games

22 "(vi) Sixty thousand pesos (P60,000.00) for SEA Games **AND ASEAN**
23 **PARA GAMES** [~~and~~].

24 "~~[(vii) Thirty thousand pesos (P30,000.00) for ASEAN Para Games.]~~

25 x x x."

26 **SEC. 2. Separability Clause.** - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or
27 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision or part not otherwise
28 affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

29 **SEC 3. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or
30 parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

31 **SEC. 4. Effectivity.** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
32 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,