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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 187

Prepared and submitted jointly by the Committee on Sports and the Committee on Finance
on DEC 13 2023

Re: **Senate Bill No.** 2514

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 423 and 2408, taking into
consideration House Bill No. 8468

Sponsor: **Senator Go**

Mr. President:

The Committee on Sports, joint with the Committee on Finance, to which were referred
Senate Bill No. 423, introduced by **Senator Go**, entitled:

AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL GAMES AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Senate Bill No. 2408, introduced by **Senators Zubiri and Villanueva**, entitled:

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and **House Bill No. 8468**, introduced by **Representatives Gomez, Romualdez (Y. M.), Acidre, et. al.**, entitled:

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have considered the same and have the honor to report back to the Senate with the
recommendation that the attached Bill, **Senate Bill No.** 2514, entitled:

**AN ACT
EXPANDING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINE
NATIONAL GAMES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

be approved in substitution of **Senate Bill Nos. 423** and **2408**, taking into consideration **House Bill No. 8468**, with **Senators Go, Zubiri** and **Villanueva** as authors thereof.

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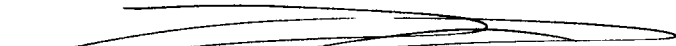
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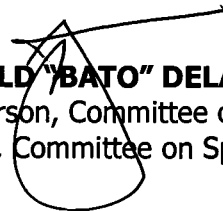
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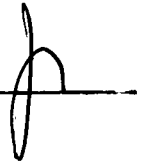

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AN ACT
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GAMES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

*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
2 National Games Act."

3 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – Article XIV, Section 19 (1) of the 1987
4 Constitution provides that the State shall promote physical education and
5 encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including
6 training for international sports competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork,
7 and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.

8 As a signatory to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,
9 the State adheres to its commitment to encourage and promote the participation,
10 to the fullest extent possible, of persons with disabilities in mainstream sporting
11 activities at all levels.

12 Pursuant thereto, the State shall institutionalize an inclusive national sports
13 competition that will promote awareness and interest in sports, particularly in the
14 countryside, generate wide participation of the citizenry in sports through the active
15 involvement of local government units, and serve as the linkage between grassroots
16 sports development and national amateur and elite sports development.

17 **SEC. 3. *Expansion and Institutionalization of the Philippine National***

1 **Games.** – The Philippine National Games (PNG), the national multi-sport
2 tournament organized by the Philippine Sports Commission, is hereby expanded
3 and institutionalized.

4 The PNG shall serve as the country’s premier national sports competition and
5 venue for the discovery of potential national and elite athletes. It shall be composed
6 of a competition on sports for regular athletes and a competition on sports designed
7 for para-athletes or athletes with disabilities. It shall be held once every two years
8 and shall be participated in by athletes and para-athletes from the different
9 provinces, highly urbanized cities (HUCs), and independent component cities (ICCs)
10 of the country.

11 The PNG shall have the following purposes and objectives:

- 12 (a) To provide a framework and structure for a truly integrated and
13 comprehensive national sports program, linking grassroots sports
14 promotion to elite sports development, including sporting events
15 applicable to para-athletes or persons with disabilities;
- 16 (b) To encourage all local government units to promote the development
17 of sports in the countryside, covering all provinces, cities, municipalities
18 and barangays;
- 19 (c) To serve as a venue for the National Sports Associations in promoting
20 their respective sports at the grassroots level and providing the
21 necessary linkages with local government units; and
- 22 (d) To widen the base for talent identification, selection, and recruitment of
23 athletes and para-athletes who shall constitute the national pool to be
24 trained for international sports competitions.

25 **SEC. 4. Participation in the PNG.** – To generate awareness and ensure
26 the wide participation of athletes with the potential to become national amateur
27 and elite athletes and para-athletes, local government units, through their
28 barangay, municipal, city and provincial Local Sports Councils, shall encourage,
29 promote or organize local sports competitions within their respective jurisdictions
30 as well as recruit, train and select athletes and para-athletes for sporting events
31 competed at the PNG.

1 Provinces, in collaboration with component cities and municipalities under
2 their jurisdiction, HUCs and ICCs may form and send their delegations to the
3 qualifying competitions and, thereafter, to the national championship competition
4 of the PNG.

5 Athletes and para-athletes who will form part of the delegation of the
6 participating provinces and cities to the PNG must be Filipinos by birth, or whose
7 parents are of Filipino ancestry, or have been naturalized as Filipinos by law, and
8 whose age must comply with the minimum age requirement of the concerned
9 National Sports Association for the particular sport.

10 No athlete or para-athlete shall carry, represent or promote any public or
11 private organization, enterprise or sponsor in the PNG.

12 **SEC. 5. *Sporting Events.*** – The sporting events that will be competed in
13 at the PNG shall be determined by the PNG Coordinating Committee created under
14 Section 6 of this Act: *Provided,* That these sporting events are aligned with the
15 sporting events participated in by the Philippines in the Southeast Asian Games,
16 ASEAN Para Games, Asian Games, Asian Para Games, Olympics, Paralympic Games
17 and other international sports competitions: *Provided, further,* That mandatory
18 sporting events in the Olympic and Paralympic Games shall, as far as practicable,
19 be included in the PNG, subject to the availability of sports facilities and venues in
20 the LGU where the PNG will be held: *Provided, finally,* That the host LGU may
21 recommend the inclusion of local sports to promote and showcase its
22 socioeconomic and cultural uniqueness through the PNG.

23 **SEC. 6. *Creation of the Philippine National Games Coordinating***
24 ***Committee.*** – To ensure the attainment of the purposes and objectives of this
25 Act, there is hereby created the Philippine National Games Coordinating Committee,
26 hereinafter referred to as the PNG Coordinating Committee. It shall be the policy-
27 making and coordinating body for the preparation and conduct of the PNG.

28 The PNG Coordinating Committee shall be the proprietary owner of the
29 phrase “Philippine National Games” and its related symbols, logos, and concepts.

30 **SEC. 7. *Powers and Functions of the PNG Coordinating Committee.***
31 – The PNG Coordinating Committee shall have the following powers and functions:

- 1 (a) To formulate plans, policies and guidelines that shall govern the conduct
2 of the PNG, and the relationships among the organizations involved;
- 3 (b) To recognize the provincial and city Local Sports Councils that will be
4 given authority to register athletes and teams in the PNG;
- 5 (c) To determine the host and schedule of the PNG;
- 6 (d) To coordinate with the Department of Budget and Management and
7 other government agencies on the needed funding and technical
8 assistance in the implementation of this Act;
- 9 (e) To determine the sports to be included in the PNG based on the
10 appropriated budget in a given year, subject to the conditions set in
11 Section 5 hereof;
- 12 (f) To develop programs and policies that shall promote the PNG and ensure
13 multi-sectoral support to the PNG as the country's premier sports event;
14 and
- 15 (g) To exercise such other functions as may be necessary for the effective
16 implementation of this Act.

17 **SEC. 8. Composition of the PNG Coordinating Committee.** – The PNG
18 Coordinating Committee shall be composed of the following:

- 19 (a) Chair:
20 Chairperson of the Philippine Sports Commission
- 21 (b) Vice-Chair:
22 Undersecretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government,
23 in charge of Sports Development at the local levels
- 24 (c) Members:
- 25 i. Undersecretary of the Department of Education in charge of the
26 *Palarong Pambansa*
- 27 ii. Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education
- 28 iii. President of the Philippine Olympic Committee
- 29 iv. President of the Philippine Paralympic Committee
- 30 v. President of the League of Provinces of the Philippines
- 31 vi. President of the League of Cities of the Philippines
- 32 vii. President of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines

- 1 viii. President of the Liga ng mga Barangay
- 2 ix. Chairperson, Coordinating Council of Private Educational
- 3 Associations of the Philippines

4 The members of the PNG Coordinating Committee, except the Chair and
5 Vice-Chair, may be represented by the next-in-rank officers of their agencies or
6 organizations, as the case may be.

7 **SEC 9. Roles of Government Agencies and Private Associations.** – In
8 addition to the duties and responsibilities that may be assigned to them by the PNG
9 Coordinating Committee, the following government agencies and private
10 associations shall perform the following:

11 (a) Philippine Sports Commission:

- 12 i. To carry out the overall management of the PNG;
- 13 ii. To form an Executive Committee and Working Committees,
14 composed of PSC officials, which shall implement the policies and
15 activities set by the PNG Coordinating Committee and lead inter-
16 agency coordination; and
- 17 iii. To coordinate with the DBM and other government agencies to
18 secure the needed funding and technical assistance in the
19 implementation of this Act.

20 (b) Department of the Interior and Local Government:

- 21 i. To mandate all LGUs to coordinate, cooperate and support the
22 plans, programs and activities of the PNG through the issuance of
23 corresponding memorandum circulars or department orders and
24 guidelines within its jurisdiction to help carry out the objectives of
25 the PNG; and
- 26 ii. To direct the Philippine National Police to prepare and implement a
27 comprehensive security plan for the LGU venues where the PNG
28 shall be held.

29 (c) League of Provinces of the Philippines, League of Cities of the
30 Philippines, League of Municipalities of the Philippines and Liga ng mga
31 Barangay:

- 1 i. To encourage the implementation of the PNG in their respective
- 2 member local government units; and
- 3 ii. To assist in disseminating information on the PNG within their
- 4 respective jurisdictions to encourage the active participation of
- 5 their members.

6 (d) Department of Education:

- 7 i. To align the *Palarong Pambansa* calendar of activities, programs
- 8 and policies to the conduct of the PNG;
- 9 ii. To allow the use of its sports facilities, school buildings and
- 10 classrooms as may be necessary for the conduct of the PNG; and
- 11 iii. To issue memorandum circulars or department orders and
- 12 guidelines within its jurisdiction to implement the objectives of the
- 13 PNG.

14 (e) Commission on Higher Education:

- 15 i. To promote the program and activities of the PNG to all higher
- 16 educational institutions;
- 17 ii. To recommend to the state universities and colleges the use of
- 18 their sports facilities, school buildings and classrooms as may be
- 19 necessary for the conduct of the PNG; and
- 20 iii. To issue memorandum circulars or department orders on the
- 21 alignment of tertiary sports events and calendar of activities to the
- 22 PNG.

23 (f) Coordinating Council of Private Educational Associations of the

24 Philippines:

- 25 i. To promote the program and activities of the PNG to all private
- 26 educational institutions;
- 27 ii. To take into consideration in its calendar of activities, programs and
- 28 policies the conduct of the PNG; and
- 29 iii. To encourage private educational institutions to allow the use of
- 30 their sports facilities, school buildings and classrooms as may be
- 31 necessary for the conduct of the PNG.

32 (g) Local Government Units:

- 1 i. Organize multi-sectoral Local Sports Councils, to be headed by the
2 local chief executive, that will coordinate the implementation of an
3 annual *palaro* at the barangay, municipal, city and provincial levels,
4 pursuant to the mandates under Sections 389 (b) (m), 444 (b) (1)
5 (xix), 455 (b) (1) (xix), and 465 (b) (1) (xix) of the Local
6 Government Code of 1991, as amended;
- 7 ii. Through the Local Sports Councils, implement the following:
8 (a) Encourage, promote and organize local sports competitions
9 within their respective jurisdictions;
10 (b) Recruit, train, and select athletes who will participate in the
11 PNG; and
12 (c) Develop and maintain a pool of local athletes and provide them
13 with the necessary assistance;
- 14 iii. For provincial and city Local Sports Councils:
15 (a) Register an athlete in sporting events of the PNG, including its
16 regional and cluster qualifying competitions: *Provided*, That the
17 athlete is not under any sanction of a National Sports
18 Association of an International Federation: *Provided, further*,
19 That no athlete who participated in a local sports competition
20 organized by a Local Sports Council and subsequently
21 represented the provincial or city sports delegation shall be
22 permitted to transfer and represent another provincial or city
23 sports delegation; and
24 (b) Be responsible for the entire delegation registered in the PNG,
25 and ensure their athletes' compliance with the PNG's eligibility
26 rules.
- 27 (h) Philippine Olympic Committee:
28 i. Supervise the National Sports Associations involved in the PNG; and
29 (i) National Sports Associations/Philippine Paralympic Committee:
30 i. To set the qualifications for athletes and para-athletes who will be
31 participating in different sporting events, based on the international
32 federations' rules and regulations;

- 1 ii. To provide technical assistance in the conduct of their respective
2 sports competitions in the PNG, including the appointment of
3 qualified officiating officials; and
4 iii. To allow the participation of all national athletes, registered by the
5 LSCs, regardless of their membership status with their respective
6 NSAs: *Provided*, That the athlete conforms and agrees to abide by
7 the competition rules and regulations of their respective NSAs and
8 PNG; and *Provided, further*, That the athlete is not under any
9 disciplinary sanction, or is otherwise suspended by the concerned
10 NSA or International Federation, consistent with the rules of their
11 respective sports

12 **SEC. 10. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the implementation
13 of this Act shall be included in the budget of the Philippine Sports Commission in
14 the annual general appropriations acts.

15 **SEC. 11. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within sixty (60) days
16 from the start of the effectivity of this Act, the PSC, in coordination with the DILG,
17 DepEd, CHED, POC, and NSAs, shall promulgate the rules and regulations to
18 implement the provisions of this Act.

19 **SEC. 12. Separability Clause.** – If any part or provision of this Act is held
20 invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected shall remain in full force
21 and effect.

22 **SEC. 13. Repealing Cause.** – All laws, executive orders, issuances,
23 decrees, and rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions
24 of this Act are deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

25 **SEC. 14. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from
26 its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,