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**S.B. No.** <u>292</u>1

## Introduced by Senator Francis "Tol" N. Tolentino

#### AN ACT

REVERTING THE MANAGEMENT AND FULL CONTROL OF THE LAND, BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS OF THE QUEZON CITY VELODROME TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF QUEZON CITY FROM THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6847, OR THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION ACT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Philippine Constitution mandates the promotion and development of sports to foster a healthy and disciplined citizenry. However, this constitutional mandate will be hard to achieve if the state of our sports facilities has deteriorated and is not at par with international standards. Key complexes like the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex and the Quezon City Velodrome are outdated and no longer meet the demands of our athletes when they are in training. These facts hinder their growth and success in international competition.

This bill is primarily intended to transfer the management and upkeep of the Velodrome from the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) to the City Government of Quezon City, which will allow better maintenance and development to meet the community's needs. By localizing its supervision and administration, Quezon City can ensure that the Velodrome remains a well-maintained and valuable resource for sports development and recreation.

More importantly, investing in state-of-the-art facilities and equipment can provide our athletes with the necessary resources to excel in both national and international competitions.

The establishment and proper upkeep of modern training centers will not only boost athlete performance but also instill national pride and patriotism. This bill, therefore, represents a crucial investment in the future of Philippine sports and the athletes who represent our nation on the world stage.

In view of the foregoing, the early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. Ownership of Quezon City Velodrome. - The ownership,
 management, and full control of the land, buildings, equipment, and other improvements
 of the Quezon City Velodrome shall be vested to the Local Government of Quezon City.

SECTION 2. Amendment of the Philippine Sports Commission Act. - To
carry out the purpose of this Act, Section 23 of Republic Act No. 6847 or the Philippine
Sports Commission Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 23. Sports Facilities. The administration and full control of all existing 7 sports facilities, including land, buildings and equipment, owned by the 8 national government as well as those owned by government-funded 9 foundations, associations and entities except liabilities, shall be transferred 10 to the Commission: Provided, That the sports facilities owned by the local 11 government units, state colleges and universities, or public schools shall 12 remain with the said institutions or entities. In particular, the management 13 and full control of all the land, buildings, equipment and other 14 improvements thereon of the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex[, and the 15

Quezon City Velodrome] shall be transferred to the Commission upon
 the effectivity of this Act."

SECTION 3. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any provision of this Act
 or any part thereof shall be held unconstitutional and invalid, the other parts or provisions
 of this Act, which are not affected thereby, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause*. All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations,
 or parts hereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended,
 or modified accordingly.

9 **SECTION 5.** *Effectivity*. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following 10 its publication in the Official Gazette and at least two (2) newspapers of general 11 circulation.

Approved,