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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The success of the Philippines as host country and as overall champion in the 2005 Southeast Asian Games in Manila, heightened the urgency and necessity of a national institution and nation-wide network for quality education and training in accordance with international standards of sports performance in competitive events.

This bill meets the need for a National Academy of Sports to train Filipino athletes with potential to win gold medals. The academy also aims to train reserves of sports manpower scientifically and systematically to extract the crème of the crop. The academy will also train the educators, coaching and refereeing corps to ensure a continuing stream of top athletes and the best educators for sports development.

The academy which will be made an attached agency of the Philippine Sports Commission, will contemplate a nationwide network comprising of satellite training centers to serve as consortium of educational institutions offering degree and non-degree programs. This will have linkages with the academe and international organizations related to sports development and education. As an attached agency of the Philippine Sports Commission, there is an assurance that the National Academy will be in the mainstream of governing policies and programs.

Moreover, with the National Academy, physical education as taught in school will be given the attention and priority status it deserves. In addition, teachers and instructors of physical education who will be part of the degree and non-degree programs of the Academy will gain the recognition due them.

The urgent approval of this National Academy of Sports bill is necessary if we aim to make wave not only in the Southeast Asian level but also in the Asian and the World sports competitions.

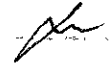
  
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**AN ACT**  
**CREATING THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS AS AN ATTACHED**  
**AGENCY OF THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION, PROVIDING THE**  
**STRUCTURE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER**  
**PURPOSES**

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

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "*National Academy of Sports Act of 2007.*"

**SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is hereby declared to be the national policy to make available to the greatest number of athletes and of sports manpower and the highest possible quality of sports education and training in accordance with international standards, to the end that individual total development shall be ensured and that the discipline needed for competition and the indomitable spirit to attain excellence in sports performance shall be developed in Filipino athletes who compete in national and international games and events.

It is also declared the national policy to recognize the necessity of creating a national institution with a nationwide network for delivery of educational and training services in sports to carry out the declared national policy stated in the preceding paragraph of this Section.

**SEC. 3. *Creation and Objectives of the Academy.*** – There is hereby created the National Academy of Sports which shall be the lead agency to implement the provision of this Act, hereinafter referred to as the “Academy”.

For purposes of general policy and program coordination, supervision and direction, the Academy shall be an attached agency of the Philippines Sports Commission which was created pursuant to Republic Act No. 6847, and shall be hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”.

The Academy shall have the following objectives:

- (a) To serve as the education and training arm of the Commission for the development of high caliber athletes competing in international sporting events;
- (b) To train and grant degrees, in coordination with the Department of Education, educators in different levels of specialization through academic degree programs;
- (c) To train and accredit coaches, trainers, sports managers, referees, umpires, community sports psychologists, sports medicine practitioners, through non-degree programs;
- (d) To conduct basic and applied research relevant to physical education and sports;
- (e) To establish satellite regional training centers for sports education and sports;
- (f) To enter into and engage in a consortium with public and private schools offering degree and non-degree courses in physical education and sports;
- (g) To establish and maintain linkages with international academic institutions and organizations for continuing upgrading of sports manpower and the improvement of the Academy and its sports curriculum and programs; and
- (h) To perform such other functions and exercise such other power necessary to carry out the declared policy, the aforementioned objectives, and the provisions of this Act.

**SEC. 4. *Housing and Places of Activities.*** – The Academy shall be housed at the National Academy of Sports Complex located in Pasig , Metro Manila.

The activities of the Academy pursuant to this Act may be carried out in satellite regional training centers, in venues pursuant to a consortium with public and private schools, or in such other places as the National Academy shall decide in order to implement this Act.

**SEC. 5. *Board of Trustees.*** – The Administration, operations, and management of the Academy shall be vested in a Board of Trustees which shall be composed of five (5) members, hereinafter referred to as the Board, and shall be composed of the following:

- (1) The Commission Chairman as ex-officio chairman of the Board;
- (2) One (1) representative from the Department of Education of Undersecretary rank, who shall be ex-officio Vice-Chairman;
- (3) One (1) representative from the academe in sports education and training;
- (4) One (1) representative from the National Sports Association with a specialization in education and training of sports manpower; and
- (5) The Executive Director of the Academy as ex-officio member.

The representative of the academe and of the National Sports Association shall be appointed by the President for a term of three (3) years or shall serve until their successor shall have been duly appointed and qualified.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members of the Board of Trustees shall receive allowances of not less than One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) for every official meeting of the Board actually attended by them or any official activity of the Academy; but in no case shall such allowance exceed Thirty Thousand Pesos (Php30,000.00) each per annum.

**SEC. 6. *Powers and Functions of the Board.*** – The Board of Trustees shall exercise and perform the following powers and functions;

(a) To provide for the planning, implementation and evaluation of a curricula leading to the following degrees and specialization in Physical Education as required qualification for teaching in the elementary, secondary and tertiary schools or institution or as required of a supervisory position:

- (1) Bachelor of Science in Education, Major in Physical Education
- (2) Bachelor of Science in Physical Education;
- (3) Bachelor of Physical Education;
- (4) Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, Health and Music;
- (5) Master of Arts in Physical Education; and
- (6) Courses offering certificates such as Certificate in Physical Education, or Proficiency in Sports Coaching;

(b) To formulate and implement materials development program which shall directly manage, maintain, preserve and gather data or information for the following facilities:

- (1) Sports Medicine Laboratory;
- (2) Sports Museum;
- (3) Sports Library; or
- (4) Sports Bank;

(c) To provide for the training and accreditation of qualified sports manpower such as, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) Coaches;
- (2) Sports medicine practitioners;
- (3) Sports officiating officials;
- (4) Sports managers;
- (5) Community sports leader; or
- (6) Business sports coordinators

and to extend assistance, whenever possible, utilizing its resources in the conduct of athletic training, international exchange program and sports distance study program;

(d) To provide opportunities for potential athletes to attain certificates, diplomas or degrees of completion in the elementary, high school and college education;

(e) To appoint professors, instructors, lecturers and other employees of the Academy; to fix their compensation, hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as it may deem proper, to grant them at its discretion leave of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, and to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing;

(f) To receive in trust legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal property of all kinds and administer the same for the benefit of the Academy, or of a department thereof, or for aid to any student athlete in accordance with the direction or instructions of the donor and, in default thereof, in such manner as the Board may at its discretion determine; and

(g) To prescribe rules for its own governance, and to enact such ordinances and regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the purposes of the Academy as defined in this Act.

**SEC. 7. *Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director.*** – There shall be an Executive Director who shall be appointed by the President, from among a short list to be recommended by the Board of Trustees. He shall be assisted by a Deputy Executive Director, one (1) Assistant Director for Administration and Finance, and a Dean for Academic Affairs. The Executive Director shall act as the Chief Executive Officer of the Academy and shall have a rank equivalent to that of the president of a State college or university in the Philippines.

The Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director must be citizens of the Philippines, at least thirty-five (35) years of age, of good moral character, with at least three (3) years experience in educational administration, or in teaching of sports development with professorial rank.

The Assistant Director for Administration and Finance must be a Filipino, at least thirty (30) years old, of good moral character, a holder of a master's degree in business or public administration, or a certified public accountant, a civil service eligible, and with at least one (1) year experience in any academic institution.

The Dean for Academic Affairs must be a Filipino, at least thirty (30) years old, of good moral character, a civil service eligible, with at least three (3) years experience in educational administration or an associate professor rank in sports development.

**SEC. 8. Funding.** – There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the implementation of this Act by the National Academy the amount of Five Million Pesos (Php5,000,000.00) for the initial operations and projects of the National Academy as an attached agency of the Commission. Thereafter, such amount needed to implement this Act shall be included in the Annual Appropriations Act of the Commission for the implementation of this Act.

**SEC. 9. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this Act or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

**SEC. 10. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, rules or orders inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

**SEC. 11. Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect upon completion of its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

**Approved,**