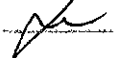


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act 9064 was passed into law during the previous Congress with the primal intention of providing incentives to the national pool of athletes winning medals in international sporting events from the Southeast Asia, Asian to World Olympics level.

The main thrust of the law is to recognize not only the degree of achievements of our athletes but more so the hard work and dedications they have exerted for the country's prestigious landing in the international sporting map.

The noble purpose of RA 9064 however, missed to recognize the equally relevant feat of differently-abled Filipino national athletes who have also been reaping glory for the country in international sporting tours. Unknown to many, our differently-abled athletes have been contributing their share of delivering honors to the Philippines through their competitive participation in the ASEAN Para Games which is the equivalent of the SEA Games, FESPIC Games which is the parallel of the Asian Games, and the elite Paralympic Games which is the highest international sporting event for athletes with disabilities being held simultaneously with the World Olympics.

This proposed legislation seeks to amend the "Athletes Incentives Act" by including in the coverage of the law athletes with disability who have likewise represented our nation with pride. I believe that the honors delivered to us by the regular members of the national athletes and national athletes with disabilities should have no distinction, and thus, be accorded with equal monetary and non-monetary benefits extended by RA 9064 to all our sports heroes.

Moreover, this bill shall expand the coverage of the existing incentives already enjoyed by the athletic achievers by adding health insurance benefits to all medalists and lifetime pension to retiring gold medal achievers.

The amendments as proposed in this piece of legislation will make our athletes feel, regardless of their physical traits, the importance of the pride and glory they earned for the country everytime they successfully carry with them the colors of our nation.


The immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT
GRANTING CASH AND OTHER NON-MONETARY BENEFITS AND
INCENTIVES TO NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT
NUMBER NINETY HUNDRED AND SIXTY FOUR, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
"NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS BENEFITS AND
INCENTIVES ACT OF 2001"**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 3 of Republic Act No. 9064, otherwise known as "National Athletes,
2 Coaches and Trainers Benefits and Incentives Act of 2001" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "Sec. 3. *Definition of Terms.* - For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall be
4 defined as follows:

5 (a) *National Athletes* - shall refer to athletes who are Filipino citizens, members of
6 the national training pool, recognized and accredited by the Philippine Olympic
7 Committee (POC) and the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), **INCLUDING**
8 **ATHLETES WITH DISABILITIES (AWD) WHO ARE RECOGNIZED AND**
9 **ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE PHILIPPINES**
10 **(NPC PHIL) AND THE PSC** and who have represented the country in international
11 competitions;

12 (b) *National Coaches and Trainers* - shall refer to coaches and trainers **OF**
13 **NATIONAL ATHLETES, INCLUDING ATHLETES WITH DISABILITIES**, who are
14 Filipino citizens, members of the national coaches and trainers pool, recognized
15 and accredited by the PSC **AND POC, OR THE PSC AND NPC PHIL. IN THE**
16 **CASE OF AWD COACHES AND TRAINERS** who have represented the country
17 as official coaches and trainers to national athletes in international competitions;

18 (c) *International Competitions* - shall refer to international sports competitions
19 which are sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) **AND BY THE**
20 **INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE (IPC), INCLUDING OTHER**
21 **INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS RECOGNIZED BY THE PSC IN**
22 **CLOSE COORDINATION WITH AND APPROVAL BY POC AND NPC PHIL. "**

23 X X X

24 **SEC 2.** Section 4 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

25 "Sec 4. *Benefits and Privileges for National Athletes, Coaches and Trainers.* - Any
26 national athlete, coach and trainer **AS DEFINED IN SEC. 3 AND** who is currently

1 registered as such before the PSC **AND/OR NPC PHIL** shall be entitled to the
2 following:

3 (a) the grant of twenty percent (20%) discount from all establishments
4 relative to the utilization of transportation services, hotels, and other
5 lodging establishments, restaurants and recreation centers and purchase
6 of medicine and sports equipment anywhere in the country **FOR THE**
7 **EXCLUSIVE USE OR ENJOYMENT OF THE NATIONAL ATHLETE,**
8 **COACH AND TRAINER;**

9 (b) minimum of twenty percent (20%) discount on admission fees charged
10 by theaters, cinema houses and concert halls, circuses, carnivals, and
11 other similar places of culture, leisure and amusement **FOR THE**
12 **EXCLUSIVE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF THE NATIONAL**
13 **ATHELETE, COACH AND TRAINER;**

14 (c) free medical and dental consultations in private or **NATIONAL**
15 **GOVERNMENT** hospitals and similar establishments anywhere in the
16 country;

17 **(C-1) FREE COVERAGE IN THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE**
18 **PROGRAM OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE**
19 **CORPORATION (PHIC) THRU THE SPONSORED PROGRAM OF THE**
20 **PSC;**

21 (d) X X X

22 (e) X X X

23 (f) X X X

24 Such privately-owned establishments shall enjoy tax credits equivalent to the
25 discounts extended to the **NATIONAL** athletes, **COACHES AND TRAINERS.**"

26 X X X

27 **SEC 3.** Section 5 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

28 "Sec. 5. *Scholarships.* - a national athlete who wins **GOLD** in an international
29 competition **EXCEPT SEAGAMES OR ITS EQUIVALENT COMPETITION** or any
30 qualified member of his/[] **OR** her immediate family within the fourth civil degree of
31 consanguinity shall be entitled to scholarship benefits in the form of tuition fees in
32 state colleges and universities in order to complete a college or university degree.
33 The winning national athlete shall likewise be given priority in the availment of
34 state college and university scholarship grants."

35 X X X

36 X X X

37 **SEC 4.** Section 6 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

38 "Section 6. *Retirement Benefits.* - Any national athlete who wins **GOLD** in an
39 international competition, **EXCEPT SEAGAMES OR ITS EQUIVALENT**
40 **COMPETITION, UPON REACHING THE AGE OF FIFTY-FIVE (55), SHALL**
41 **RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING RETIREMENT BENEFITS:**

- 1 A. FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS – A LIFETIME MONTHLY PENSION OF AT
 2 LEAST TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00) FOR INDIVIDUAL
 3 WINNER;
 4 B. FOR TEAM EVENTS – A LIFETIME MONTHLY PENSION OF AT LEAST
 5 FIFTEEN THOUSAND PESOS (P15,000.00) FOR EACH TEAM MEMBER.

6 PROVIDED, THAT, FOR ATHLETES WHO WIN IN BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND
 7 TEAM EVENTS, THE RETIREMENT BENEFIT FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS
 8 SHALL APPLY.

9 PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER THIS
 10 ACT SHALL BE SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM THE MANDATORY
 11 RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER EXISTING LAWS.

12 **SEC 5.** Section 8 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

13 “ Sec 8. *Cash Incentives for National Athletes.* - National athletes who win
 14 gold, silver and bronze medals in international competitions shall be
 15 entitled to cash awards in the following amounts:

16 A. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

17 (a) For gold medalists:

- 18 (1) X X X
 19 (2) X X X
 20 (3) X X X
 21 (4) X X X

22 (b) For silver medalists:

- 23 (1) X X X
 24 (2) X X X
 25 (3) X X X
 26 (4) X X X

27 (c) For bronze medalists:

- 28 (1) X X X
 29 (2) X X X

30 (3) **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P250,000)** for Asian Games;
 31 and

32 (4) **TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000)** for the SEA Games.

33 B. TEAM EVENTS

- 34 X X X

1 For competitions with five (5) or more participants per team, **EACH TEAM**
2 **MEMBER SHALL RECEIVE CASH AWARD EQUAL TO THE SHARE OF EACH**
3 **TEAM MEMBER FOR COMPETITIONS WITH FOUR (4) PARTICIPANTS ”**

4 **SEC. 6.** Section 9 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

5 “ *Sec. 9. Benefits, Privileges and Incentives for Past Achievers.* - Any national
6 athlete who, prior to the enactment of this Act, had won gold, silver or bronze
7 medals in international competitions except SEA Games **OR ITS EQUIVALENT**
8 **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**, shall be entitled to the benefits and privileges
9 provided under Section 4 and fifty percent (50%) of the cash incentives provided
10 under Section 8 of this Act. Such incentives shall be the difference between the
11 cash award received under Administrative Order No. 352 **OR FROM OTHER**
12 **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES** and the cash award provided under this Act.

13 **SEC 7.** Section 10 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

14 “*Sec. 10. Incentives for Coaches and Trainers.* - coaches and trainers shall also
15 be entitled to cash awards if they have personally trained and rendered service to
16 the athletes or teams **WHO WIN IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS** at least
17 **SIX (6) MONTHS** prior to the international competition. Certification to this effect
18 by the *individual athlete or* **TEAM MANAGER FOR TEAM EVENTS** shall be in
19 writing, **DULY ATTESTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONAL SPORTS**
20 **ASSOCIATIONS (NSAs).**

21 X X X

22 There is hereby created a body to be known as the Philippine Coaches
23 Accreditation Council that shall accredit and recognize coaches and trainers. It
24 shall be composed, among others, of representatives from the PSC, POC, **NPC**
25 **PHIL** and the academic community, preferably a professor in physical education or
26 sports science.”

27 **SEC. 8.** A new section between Sections 10 and 11 is hereby inserted to be denominated as
28 Section 10-A to read as follows:

29 “**SEC 10-A. AVAILMENT OF BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES – THE ABOVE-**
30 **MENTIONED BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES SHALL BE AVAILED BY**
31 **ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS UPON PRESENTATION OF AN**
32 **IDENTIFICATION CARD, RENEWABLE EVERY YEAR, TO BE ISSUED BY THE**
33 **PSC AND/OR NPC PHIL.**

34 **PROVIDED, THAT, ATHLETES WITH DISABILITIES SHALL NOT AVAIL OF**
35 **SAID BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES IN COMBINATION WITH SIMILAR**
36 **BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES UNDER RA 9442 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE**
37 **MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS.”**

38 **SEC. 9.** Section 12 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 “*Sec. 12. Funding.* - X X X

41 X X X

42 Not less than five percent (5%) of the NSDF shall be set aside for the selection of
43 individual athletes at the elementary and high school levels in track and field,

1 swimming, badminton, pingpong and similar individual sports events where the
2 Philippines can develop into world class competitors. Said fund shall be
3 administered by the **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED)**. "

4 **SEC. 10.** Section 13 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

5 "Sec. 13. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The PSC, in coordination with
6 the POC, **NPC PHIL, DEPED, CHED, TESDA, SENATE, HOUSE OF**
7 **REPRESENTATIVES**, and other concerned agencies shall promulgate and issue
8 the Implementing Rules and Regulations within sixty (60) days upon approval of
9 this Act."

10 **SEC. 11. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two
11 (2) newspapers of general circulation.

12 Approved,