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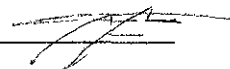
The Constitution, Article 2, Section 17 provides:

Section 17. The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

Young athletes are the future of the sports program of any nation. The performance of the most successful countries in the Olympics shows us that their gold winning athletes started really young in their chosen events. This bill seeks to assist young athletes by giving them financial incentives and helping in their development. It involves helping young athletes in three ways. First, it allows them to be members of sports clubs and programs. Second, it gives incentives to these sports clubs and programs. Third, the bill also focuses on the improvement of sports facilities. If we are serious about our national sports program, we should start with measures that help our youngest athletes.

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1 AN ACT
2 TO ASSIST YOUNG ATHLETES BY PROVIDING
3 PROGRAMS AND INCENTIVES FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT

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

4 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "Young Athletes Assistance
5 Act of 2012."

6 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policies and Objectives.* – Pursuant to Article 2, Sec. 17 of
7 the Constitution, the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture
8 and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total
9 human liberation and development.

10 In addition to this, Article 14, Section 19, paragraph 1 provides that the State shall
11 promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions and amateur
12 sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and
13 excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.

14 SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* – For purposes of this Act, these terms are defined as
15 follows:

16 (a) "Athletic program" shall mean an athletic program at any education institution, sports
17 club, or from the local or national government;

18 (b) "Young athlete" means any person who engages in sports and is below eighteen (18)
19 years of age.

1 SECTION 4. *Get Started, Get Going and Get Playing Funds.* – Three separate funds for
2 the strengthening of grassroots sports programs are hereby created to be administered by the
3 Philippines Sports Commission.

4 SECTION 5. *Get Started in Sports Fund.* – This assists young athletes who can least
5 afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club. Young athletes shall be
6 provided with a voucher of up to THREE THOUSAND PESOS (P3,000.00) to help pay for
7 participation fees. The vouchers can be redeemed at a sport or recreation club registered with the
8 program.

9 SECTION 6. *Get Going Fund.* – This fund supports local sport and recreation
10 organizations with funding of up to FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00) for projects that
11 create opportunities for more young athletes to become members.

12 SECTION 7. *Get Playing Fund.* – *Get Playing* is the funding to improve sports facilities
13 by providing up to FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00) in funding to assist
14 local sport and recreation organizations with facility development so more young athletes are
15 encouraged to become involved in the sport or recreation activity of their choice.

16 SECTION 8. *Funding Requirements.* – The amount of EIGHTY MILLION
17 (P80,000,000.00) shall be set aside from the revenues of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming
18 Corporation annually to be allocated for the funding of this Act.

19 SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders and
20 rules and regulations or part thereof, contrary to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act,
21 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

1 SECTION 8. *Separability Clause.* – Should any provision of this Act be found
2 unconstitutional by a court of law, such provision shall be severed from the remainder of this
3 Act, and such action shall not affect the enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Act.

4 SECTION 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
5 publication in any two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

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