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Explanatory Note

In 2001, Congress passed Republic Act No. 9064 or the "National Athletes, Coaches and Trainers Benefits and Incentives Act of 2001". This mandates the State to give due recognition to our national athletes, their coaches and trainers, who were able to bring pride to our country by winning in international competitions.

Meanwhile, in the 2011 ASEAN Paralympic Games held in Solo, Indonesia, our Filipino athletes finished 5th out of the 11 participating countries, bringing home 23 gold, 23 silver, and 18 bronze medals. However, R.A. No. 9064 fails to recognize athletes with disability who are also able to bag honors in international competitions they compete in. They have as well worked hard and endured rigorous trainings, hence, should be accorded with equal recognition for their achievements as those currently enjoyed by regular athletes. This bill therefore amends the definition of national athletes to include athletes with disability which will entitle them to avail of the cash and other non-monetary benefits provided in the law. Moreover, the counterpart paralympic games they compete in and organizations they are members of are also included. This affirms our commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities which aims to "promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity."

In the same manner, the law does not include in its list of beneficiaries the winners of non-Olympic sports like six-time World Bowling Champion bowler, Paeng Nepomuceno, and billiards legend, Efren "Bata" Reyes, who have similarly brought honor and pride to the country. The original intent of R.A. 9064 focused mainly on the recognition of winners of Olympics, Asian and Southeast Asian Games. It is therefore high time that we expand the range of international competitions currently defined in the law to include annual and biennial World and Asian professional sports championships to cover the likes of these world champions.

Fairness and equality must be applied to our deserving athletes, along with their coaches and trainers, whose victories inspire and unify our people and bring pride and honor to our country.

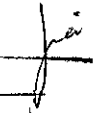
With the foregoing reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9064, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
'NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES
ACT OF 2001' BY INCLUDING ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY, ADDING OTHER
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND STRENGTHENING THE CASH AND NON-
MONETARY BENEFITS GRANTED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION. 1.** Section 3 of Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

4 "a) National Athletes - shall refer to athletes **AND ATHLETES WITH**
5 **DISABILITIES (AWDs)**, who are Filipino citizens; members of the national
6 training pool; recognized and accredited by the Philippine Olympic
7 Committee (POC) **OR THE NATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE**
8 **PHILIPPINES (NPC PHIL)**, and the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC);
9 and who have represented the country in international competitions. **IT**
10 **SHALL ALSO REFER TO ATHLETES WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS**
11 **OF THE NATIONAL TRAINING POOL BUT WHO HAVE**
12 **OTHERWISE REPRESENTED THE COUNTRY IN**
13 **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS;**

14 "b) National Coaches and Trainers - shall refer to coaches and trainers **OF**
15 **NATIONAL ATHLETES**, who are Filipino citizens, members of the
16 national coaches and trainers pool, recognized and accredited by the PSC
17 **AND POC OR NPC PHIL**, and who have represented the country as official
18 coaches and trainers to national athletes in international competitions;

19 "c) International Competitions - shall refer to **WORLD, ASIAN, SOUTHEAST**
20 **ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS AND** international sports competitions which
21 are sanctioned by the **INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS**
22 **(ISFs)**, International Olympic Committee (IOC), **INTERNATIONAL**
23 **PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE (IPC), FAR EAST & SOUTH PACIFIC**

1 GAMES FOR THE DISABLED (FESPIC), INTERNATIONAL
2 ORGANIZATION OF SPORT FOR THE DISABLED (IOSD), [or]
3 WHICH MAY BE held every YEAR, TWO (2) YEARS OR four (4) years
4 including qualifying championships in team sports wherein only one (1) or
5 two (2) countries may qualify for the Olympics/PARALYMPICS or World
6 championships.

7 Competitions granting prize money or those held in honor of any
8 personality or sponsor shall not be included.

9 **"d)ATHLETES WITH DISABILITIES (AWDs) - SHALL REFER TO**
10 **ATHLETES WHO ARE FILIPINO CITIZENS, MEMBERS OF THE**
11 **NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE DISABLED,**
12 **RECOGNIZED AND ACCREDITED BY THE PSC AND THE NPC**
13 **PHIL, AND WHO HAVE REPRESENTED THE COUNTRY IN**
14 **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS."**

15 **SEC. 2.** Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 *"SEC. 4. Benefits and Privileges for National Athletes, Coaches and Trainers - Any*
17 *national athlete, coach, and trainer who is currently registered as such before the PSC*
18 *shall be entitled to the following:*

19 "a) The grant of twenty percent (20%) discount from all establishments relative to
20 the utilization of transportation services, hotels, and other lodging
21 establishments, restaurants and recreation centers and purchase of medicine
22 and sports equipment anywhere in the country **FOR THE ACTUAL AND**
23 **EXCLUSIVE USE OR ENJOYMENT OF THE NATIONAL ATHLETE,**
24 **COACH AND TRAINER;**

25 "b) Minimum of twenty percent (20%) discount on admission fees charged by
26 theaters, cinema houses and concert halls, circuses, carnivals, and other similar
27 places of culture, leisure and amusement **FOR THE ACTUAL AND**
28 **EXCLUSIVE USE OR ENJOYMENT OF THE NATIONAL ATHLETE,**
29 **COACH AND TRAINER;**

30 "c) Free medical and dental consultations in private or public hospitals and
31 similar establishments anywhere in the country [and medical insurance
32 program to be provided by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation
33 (PHIC)]; **AND FREE COVERAGE IN THE NATIONAL HEALTH**
34 **INSURANCE PROGRAM OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH**
35 **INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHIC) THRU THE SPONSORED**
36 **PROGRAM OF THE PSC: PROVIDED, THAT UPON REACHING**
37 **THE AGE OF FIFTY-FIVE (55), THE ATHLETE, THE COACH AND**
38 **THE TRAINER SHALL BE HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE**

1 **PROGRAM, SUBJECT TO EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS**
2 **OF THE PHIC;**

3 "d) x x x

4 "e) x x x

5 "f) x x x

6 **"g) USE OF LIVING QUARTERS AND TRAINING CENTERS IN**
7 **SELECTED REGIONAL CENTERS WHICH SHALL BE SET UP AND**
8 **MAINTAINED BY THE PSC FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF**
9 **NATIONAL ATHLETES WHILE PREPARING AND TRAINING FOR**
10 **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS.**

11 "Such privately-owned establishments shall enjoy tax [credits] **DEDUCTIONS**
12 equivalent to the discounts extended to the **NATIONAL athletes, COACHES AND**
13 **TRAINERS.**

14 "x x x."

15 **SEC. 3.** Section 6 of Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 "SEC. 6. *Retirement Benefits.* - Any national athlete, **ALONG WITH HIS/HER**
17 coach and trainer, who wins **A GOLD MEDAL OR PLACES FIRST** in an
18 international competition [or has coached or trained such winning national athlete shall
19 receive a lump sum amount equivalent to twenty-five percent (25%) of his/her total cash
20 incentives computed from the start of his /her active sports career as a member of the
21 national training pool or national coaches and trainers pool up to the last day of
22 retirement from active competition or training as certified by the PSC. Such lump sum
23 amount shall be extended sixty (60) days after the filing of the retirement papers.]
24 **UPON REACHING THE AGE OF FIFTY-FIVE (55), SHALL RECEIVE THE**
25 **FOLLOWING RETIREMENT BENEFITS:**

26 **A. FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS - A LIFETIME MONTHLY PENSION**
27 **OF AT LEAST TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00) FOR**
28 **INDIVIDUAL WINNERS;**

29 **B. FOR TEAM EVENTS - A LIFETIME MONTHLY PENSION OF AT**
30 **LEAST FIFTEEN THOUSAND PESOS (P15,000.00) FOR EACH**
31 **TEAM MEMBER:**

32 **"PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT FOR NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES**
33 **AND TRAINERS WHO WIN IN BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM EVENTS,**
34 **THE RETIREMENT BENEFIT FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS SHALL APPLY:**

35 **"PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT, NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND**
36 **TRAINERS WHO ARE STILL ACTIVELY EMPLOYED AT THE TIME THEY**
37 **REACH THE AGE OF FIFTY-FIVE (55) AND HAVE AVAILED OF THE**
38 **RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER THIS ACT MAY CONTINUE WITH SUCH**

1 **EMPLOYMENT:**

2 **"PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER**
3 **THIS ACT SHALL BE SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM THE MANDATORY**
4 **RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER EXISTING LAWS."**

5 **SEC. 4.** Section 8 of Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 "SEC. 8. *Cash Incentives for National Athletes* - National athletes who win gold,
7 silver and bronze medals in international competitions shall be entitled to cash awards in
8 the following amounts:

9 **A. Individual Events**

10 a. For Gold Medalists:

- 11 (1) Five million pesos (P5,000,000.00) for Olympic **AND**
12 **PARALYMPIC** Games;
13 (2) Two million five hundred thousand pesos (P2,500,000.00) for **ALL**
14 World Championships;
15 **(3) TWO MILLION PESOS (P2,000,000.00) FOR WORLD CUP**
16 **AND WORLD GAMES;**
17 (4) One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Asian Games **AND**
18 **FESPIC OR ASIAN PARA GAMES;**
19 (5) One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000) for [Southeast Asian
20 Games (SEA Games)] **SEA GAMES AND ASEAN PARA**
21 **GAMES;**

22 b. For silver medalists:

- 23 (1) Two million five hundred thousand pesos (P2,500,000.00) for
24 Olympic **AND PARALYMPIC** Games;
25 (2) One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) for **ALL** World
26 Championships;
27 **(3) SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P700,000.00) FOR**
28 **WORLD CUP AND WORLD GAMES;**
29 (4) Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) for Asian Games
30 **OR FESPIC/ ASIAN PARA GAMES;**
31 (5) Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000) for [Southeast Asian Games (SEA
32 Games)] **SEA GAMES AND ASEAN PARA GAMES;**

33 c. For bronze medalists:

- 34 (1) One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Olympic **AND**
35 **PARALYMPIC** Games;
36 (2) Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) for **ALL** World
37 Championships;
38 **(3) TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P250,000.00)**

1 **FOR WORLD CUP AND WORLD GAMES;**

2 (4) One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) for Asian Games

3 **AND FESPIC OR ASIAN PARA GAMES;**

4 (5) Ten thousand pesos (P10,000) for [Southeast Asian Games (SEA

5 Games)] **SEA GAMES AND ASEAN PARA GAMES;**

6 B. Team Events

7 For competitions with less than five (5) participants per team, the team shall
8 receive the same cash awards for individual medal winners as herein provided, to
9 be divided equally among the team members actually present during the
10 competition.

11 For competitions with five (5) or more participants per team, [the team shall
12 receive twice the cash awards for individual winners to be divided equally among
13 the team members actually present during the competition.] **EACH TEAM
14 MEMBER SHALL RECEIVE CASH AWARD EQUIVALENT TO THE
15 SHARE OF EACH TEAM MEMBER FOR COMPETITIONS WITH
16 FOUR (4) PARTICIPANTS.**

17 *Provided,* That for demonstration and exhibition sports events in the Olympic
18 **AND PARALYMPIC** Games, winning national athletes shall receive fifty
19 percent (50%) of the cash awards for Olympic **AND PARALYMPIC** medalists
20 as herein provided.

21 *Provided, further,* That [for SEA Games, monetary incentives shall be given
22 starting 2001 to the winning athletes or teams who have equaled or surpassed the
23 existing game records or the previous placings in non-measurable events.]
24 **ATHLETES WHO SURPASS PHILIPPINE RECORD OR RANKING IN
25 ANY INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITION SHALL BE GIVEN
26 CASH INCENTIVES, THE AMOUNT OF WHICH SHALL BE
27 DETERMINED BY THE PSC.**

28 **SEC. 5.** Section 9 of Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 "SEC. 9. *Benefits, Privileges and Incentives for Past Achievers.* - Any national
30 athlete, who, prior to the enactment of this Act, had won gold, silver or bronze medals in
31 international competitions except SEA Games **AND ASEAN PARA GAMES**, shall be
32 entitled to the benefits and privileges provided under Section 4 and fifty percent (50%)
33 of the cash incentives provided under Section 8 of this Act. Such incentives shall be the
34 difference between the cash award received under Administrative Order No. 352 **OR**
35 **FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES** and the cash award provided under
36 this Act."

37 **SEC. 6.** Section 10 of Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 "Sec. 10. *Incentives for Coaches and Trainers.* - Coaches and trainers shall also be

1 entitled to cash awards if they have personally trained and rendered service to the
2 athletes or teams **WHO WIN IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS** at least [one
3 (1) year] **SIX (6) MONTHS** prior to the international competition. Certification to this
4 effect by the individual athlete or team [captain] **MANAGER FOR TEAM EVENTS**
5 shall be in writing, **DULY ATTESTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONAL**
6 **SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS (NSAs).**

7 "x x x

8 "There is hereby created a body to be known as the Philippine Coaches
9 Accreditation Council that shall accredit and recognize coaches and trainers. It shall be
10 composed, among others, of representatives from the PSC, POC, NPC PHIL and the
11 academic community, preferably a professor in physical education or sports science."

12 **SEC. 7.** Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended by inserting a new Section 11 after Section
13 10 to read as follows:

14 **"SEC. 11. AVAILMENT OF BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES – THE ABOVE-**
15 **MENTIONED BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES SHALL BE AVAILED BY**
16 **NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS UPON PRESENTATION**
17 **OF AN IDENTIFICATION CARD, RENEWABLE EVERY YEAR, TO BE ISSUED**
18 **BY THE PSC: PROVIDED, THAT IN CASE OF ATHLETES WHO ARE NOT**
19 **MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL TRAINING POOL, THE IDENTIFICATION**
20 **CARD SHALL ONLY BE ISSUED TO WINNING ATHLETES WHO ARE**
21 **ACTIVE AND WHO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL**
22 **COMPETITIONS: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT ATHLETES WITH**
23 **DISABILITIES SHALL NOT AVAIL OF SAID BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES IN**
24 **COMBINATION WITH SIMILAR BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES UNDER R.A.**
25 **NO. 9442 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED**
26 **PERSONS."**

27 **SEC. 8.** Section 12 of Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby renumbered as Section 13 and is further
28 amended to read as follows:

29 "SEC. [12] 13. Funding. –

30 "x x x

31 "Not less than five percent (5%) of the NSDF shall be set aside for the selection of
32 individual athletes at the elementary and high school levels in track and field, swimming,
33 badminton, pingpong and similar individual sports events where the Philippines can
34 develop into world class competitors. Said fund shall be administered by the Department
35 of Education[, Culture and Sports (DECS)] (**DEPED**)."

36 **SEC. 9.** Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended by inserting a new Section 14 after the new
37 Section 13 to read as follows:

38 **"SEC 14. PENALTIES. — (A) ANY PERSON OR BUSINESS**

1 ESTABLISHMENT WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES SECTION 4 (A), (B) AND (C)
2 OF THIS ACT SHALL SUFFER THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES:

3 (1) FOR THE FIRST VIOLATION, A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN
4 FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00) BUT NOT EXCEEDING
5 ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) OR
6 IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS BUT
7 NOT MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS, OR BOTH AT THE
8 DISCRETION OF THE COURT; AND

9 (2) FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, A FINE OF NOT LESS
10 THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) BUT
11 NOT EXCEEDING TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS
12 (P200,000.00) OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN TWO
13 (2) YEARS BUT NOT MORE THAN SIX (6) YEARS, OR BOTH.

14 (B) ANY NATIONAL ATHLETE, COACH, TRAINER OR ANY PERSON WHO
15 ABUSES THE PRIVILEGES GRANTED HEREIN SHALL BE PUNISHED
16 WITH IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS OR A FINE
17 OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00), BUT NOT
18 MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000), OR BOTH, AT THE
19 DISCRETION OF THE COURT.

20 (C) IF THE VIOLATOR IS A CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP OR ANY
21 JURIDICAL PERSON, THE PENALTY SHALL BE IMPOSED UPON THE
22 PRESIDENT, OWNER OR ANY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER.

23 (D) IF THE VIOLATOR IS AN ALIEN OR A FOREIGNER, HE SHALL BE
24 DEPORTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SERVICE OF SENTENCE WITHOUT
25 FURTHER DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS.

26 UPON FILING OF AN APPROPRIATE COMPLAINT, AND AFTER DUE
27 NOTICE AND HEARING, THE PROPER AUTHORITIES MAY ALSO CAUSE
28 THE CANCELLATION OR REVOCATION OF THE BUSINESS PERMIT,
29 PERMIT TO OPERATE, FRANCHISE AND OTHER SIMILAR PRIVILEGES
30 GRANTED TO ANY BUSINESS ENTITY THAT FAILS TO ABIDE BY THE
31 PROVISIONS OF THE LAW."

32 **SEC. 10. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - The PSC, in coordination with the POC, NPC
33 PHIL, DEPED, CHED, TESDA, DOF, BIR, among others and other concerned agencies shall
34 promulgate and issue the Implementing Rules and Regulations within sixty (60) days upon
35 approval of this Act.

36 **SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision or part of this Act, or the application thereof to
37 any person or circumstances, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining sections of this
38 Act or the application of such provision or part hereof to other persons or circumstance shall

1 remain in full force and effect.

2 **SEC. 12. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts
3 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
4 accordingly.

5 **SEC. 13. *Effectivity Clause.*** — This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its
6 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,