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Senate Bill No. **2371**

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Introduced by SENATOR SONNY ANGARA

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**AN ACT CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A STATE-OF-THE-ART AND HIGHLY  
SCIENTIFIC SPORTS COMPLEX KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE AMATEUR  
SPORTS TRAINING CENTER", AND FUNDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF  
PROPERTY, CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES, INCLUDING ITS  
ADMINISTRATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGEMENT,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The state of sports development in the country has been neglected for the past years. We have dated sports facilities, if not rundown such as, Rizal Memorial Sports Complex, which was built 86 years ago, and Philsports Arena, which is now 40 years old.

Primarily, the problem besetting our sports sector is funding, which explains the state of our sports facilities. The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) only receives a combined amount of around P750 million from PAGCOR<sup>1</sup> and the national government. Our budget pales in comparison to our neighbors as the annual budget from the government of Thailand is equivalent to P13 billion, Singapore P6.5 billion, and Indonesia and Malaysia at P4 billion each.

PSC's budget is only enough to sustain its operations and programs. No amount is allocated for establishing new structures, not even for repairs. In fact, in 2013, the much-needed rehabilitation of the Rizal Memorial amounting to P14 million, came from PSC's savings.

Our Southeast Asian neighbors, on the other hand, have been funneling funds to construct impressive stadiums and training centers. Ten years ago, Vietnam built a national training center in My Dinh, in the amount of \$53 million and since then, have been producing able athletes. It even has plans to build seven more around the country by 2020. Singapore upgraded all their sports facilities when they hosted the Olympic Youth Games 2010. Thailand has several imposing sports complexes all over the country, while Malaysia has its grand Bukit Jalil National Stadium and Brunei its majestic Hassal Bolkiah National Stadium. In preparation for the SEA Games in 2014,

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<sup>1</sup> Section 26 of RA 6847 or the Philippine Sports Commission Act states that its funding come from 5% of PAGCOR's income, it is only receiving 2.5% through a memo issued by then President Ramos.

majestic Hassal Bolkiah National Stadium. In preparation for the SEA Games in 2014, Myanmar built new stadiums, including Wunna Theikidi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw, training centers and dormitories for its athletes.

While taking into account of all these developments in the Southeast Asia, the intent of this bill is also in consonance with the constitutional provision on the role of the State to promote and encourage sports programs, competitions including trainings to enhance and develop the well-being of its citizenry. By creating and establishing the *Philippine Amateur Sports Training Center*, our 800 national athletes and 300 coaches will have a new decent and a much-needed home and venue for elite training that is at par with international standards. But it must be emphasized that existing training centers, such as the Rizal Memorial Complex, the Philsports Arena, Amoranto Stadium and Baguio Training Camp will not be abandoned but will remain as sports training facilities for the national athletes and for other sports development program purposes.

While we are requiring our national athletes to excel in competitions and bring honor to the country, they should also be adequately supported. A training center that is furnished with state-of-the-art training equipment, technology, facilities and modern amenities will definitely ensure high-level training and total wellness for our national athletes. This, in turn, will result to their better performance in the Olympics and other national and international competitions. Undeniably, the establishment of the *Philippine Sports Training Center* will not only give a tremendous boost to the morale of our national athletes, but also instill national pride and foster patriotism among the Filipino people.

This bill taken together with the other measures addressing sports advancement shall provide an integrated grassroots to elite sports development platform intended to provide our athletes a long-term and sustainable state support to perform well in international tournaments and represent our country with pride and honor. Truly, this bill is an investment of belief and confidence in the Filipino athletes as they carry the torch for our country in international tournaments.

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:*

1           **SECTION 1. Short Title** –This Act shall be known as the "*Philippine Amateur*  
2 *Sports Training Center Act.*"

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4           **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy**– As stated under the Article XIV Section 19 of  
5 the Philippine Constitution, the State shall promote physical education and encourage  
6 sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for  
7 international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the  
8 development of a healthy and alert citizenry. To further this policy, the State shall  
9 establish and construct state-of-the-art and highly scientific sports complex.

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11           **SECTION 3. Creation and Establishment of the Philippine Amateur Sports**  
12 **Training Center** –There is hereby created and established a state-of the-art and highly  
13 scientific sports complex to be known as the *Philippine Amateur Sports Training*  
14 *Center.*

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16           After a period of planning not exceeding six (6) months upon effectivity of this  
17 Act, the necessary sports facilities and amenities, which are at par with international  
18 standards, shall be constructed within a period of eighteen (18) months in a location  
19 suitable and conducive to high-level training of athletes, coaches and referees, and  
20 preferably located in the outskirts of the metropolis free from moral obstruction, noise  
21 and air pollution.

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23           **SECTION 4. Objectives and Purposes of the Philippine Amateur Sports Training**  
24 **Center** –The objectives and purposes of the *Philippine Amateur Sports Training Center*  
25 are as follows:  
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- 1 a.) As the country's national sports training institution, the Center is tasked to  
2 contribute to sports science and research development;  
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4 b.) It shall serve as the official home and venue of expert coaching for, training and  
5 development of the athletes in the National Team included in the list of sports  
6 contemplated therein, through the use of sound scientific principles and  
7 programs, proven training techniques and state-of-the-art equipment and  
8 facilities that are at par with international standards;  
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10 c.) The Center will also cater to the training and enhancement coaches and referees;  
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12 d.) It may be used to accommodate venues for local competitions, if necessary; and,  
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14 e.) It shall be used for any other purpose inherent and incidental for the purposes for  
15 which it was created.

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17 **SECTION 5. Sports, Facilities and Amenities** –The Center shall include the  
18 following training facilities and amenities:

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20 a.) Administration Building  
21 b.) Athletes' Dormitory  
22 c.) Archery Range  
23 d.) Baseball Field  
24 e.) Beach Volleyball Courts  
25 f.) BMX Track  
26 g.) Conference/ Seminar Hall  
27 h.) Covered Swimming & Diving Pool  
28 i.) Football Field  
29 j.) Lawnballs and Petanque Field  
30 k.) Multi-purpose Gymnasium  
31 l.) Rugby Pitch  
32 m.) Skeet and Trap Range  
33 n.) Softball Field  
34 o.) Track and Field Oval  
35 p.) Tennis Courts  
36 q.) Velodrome  
37 r.) Villas for Coaches and Guests  
38 s.) Sports Science Building  
39 t.) Mess Hall  
40 u.) Recreation Hall (AV Room)  
41 v.) Library  
42 w.) Weight Training Building  
43 x.) School Building  
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45 The Center shall cater to the sports training and development program of  
46 National Athletes in the following non-water based sports:

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48 a.) Archery  
49 b.) Athletics

- 1 c.) Badminton
- 2 d.) Baseball
- 3 e.) Basketball
- 4 f.) Beach Volleyball
- 5 g.) Bowling
- 6 h.) Contacts Sports (Taekwondo, Karate, Judo, Wrestling)
- 7 i.) Cycling (Velodrome)
- 8 j.) Dance Sport
- 9 k.) Football
- 10 l.) Gymnastics
- 11 m.)Handball
- 12 n.) Lawn Tennis
- 13 o.) Sepak Takraw
- 14 p.) Shooting
- 15 q.) Softball
- 16 r.) Squash
- 17 s.) Swimming
- 18 t.) Table Tennis
- 19 u.) Volleyball
- 20 v.) Wall Climbing
- 21 w.)Water Polo
- 22 x.) Weightlifting

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24 Any other sports, not listed above, shall be made part of the Center’s sports  
25 training and development program, as deemed significant and necessary by the  
26 Philippine Sports Commission.

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28 **SECTION 6. Ownership, Administration, Management, Operation and**  
29 **Maintenance of the Center** –The ownership of the property over which the sports  
30 facilities and amenities of the Center will be established is hereby vested to the PSC, an  
31 agency of the government in charge of promoting and developing amateur sports in the  
32 country.

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34 Upon completion of the construction of sports facilities and amenities of the Center, the  
35 PSC, is likewise vested with authority to administer, manage, operate and maintain the  
36 same including but not limited to administration of incidental income, security of the  
37 complex, assignment of personnel to manage and operate the complex; provided, that  
38 the PSC shall employ professional and highly-skilled managers with long and vast  
39 experience in sports administration and management to ensure the maintenance and  
40 upkeep of the Center and its facilities and other amenities.

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42 **SECTION 7. Board of Trustees** – The exercise of the powers of the Center is  
43 hereby vested exclusively in the Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board,  
44 and shall serve from the period of planning of the Center. The Board shall cease to exist  
45 within six (6) months upon completion of the entire Center and its facilities.

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47 The Board shall be composed of the following:

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- 49 a. Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) – Chairman
- 50 b. Department of Public Works and Highways(DPWH) – Co-Chairman

- 1 c. Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) – Member
- 2 d. City Mayor – Member
- 3 e. Provincial Governor - Member
- 4 f. Department of Budget and Management (DBM) – Member

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6 The Board shall convene immediately upon effectivity of this Act to discuss and  
7 decide on the following matters and concerns:

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- 9 1. Determine the specific location of the Center;
- 10 2. Acquisition of property and transfer of title to PSC;
- 11 3. Site development, planning and design of facilities;
- 12 4. Ensure compliance with proper public bidding process under Republic
- 13 Act 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act;
- 14 5. Ensure that facilities and structures conform to the Building Code of the
- 15 Philippines and other pertinent laws as well as international standards;
- 16 6. Ensure that appropriate funds are available to implement and complete
- 17 the Center;
- 18 7. Ensure that acceptable safety and security standards are met; and,
- 19 8. Ensure efficiency in the completion of the Center and within the 24-month
- 20 period stated herein.

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22 **SECTION 8. Assistance by the Government Entities** –The PSC may call upon  
23 any government agency for assistance in the acquisition, including transfer of Title  
24 over the property where the Center will be located, in planning and site development of  
25 the property, in the management of the facilities that shall ensure its proper  
26 maintenance and safeguard the National Athletes, coaches and staff in the Center, as  
27 well as, in the implementation of its training and skills program in the Center.

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29 **SECTION 9. Funding** – For the construction of the Center, the amount of TWO  
30 BILLION PESOS (PHP2,000,000,000.00), is hereby appropriated and shall be made  
31 available from the savings of the National Treasury.

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33 Thereafter, the amount of FIFTY FIVE MILLION (PHP55,000,000.00), shall be  
34 appropriated to finance the maintenance, operation and management of the Center, in  
35 addition to the general fund allocated for the Maintenance and Operating Expenses  
36 (MOOE) of the PSC under the General Appropriations Act.

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38 Likewise, all incidental income that may be derived by the PSC in its  
39 management and operation shall form part of the National Sports Development Fund  
40 (NSDF) which shall be used solely for the maintenance, operation and management of  
41 the Center.

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43 **SECTION 10. Tax Exemptions** – The Center shall be exempt from payment of all  
44 taxes, fees, assessments and other charges of the Government, its branches and  
45 subdivisions, payment of real estate tax, stamp tax, amusement tax, income tax, and/or  
46 any other form of taxes on the properties. It shall likewise be exempt from the payment  
47 of customs duties, taxes and tariffs on the importation of equipment and supplies,  
48 including those donated to the Center; provided, that these are required in the  
49 development of various training of the athletes, coaches and referees, and are of  
50 international standards and are not readily available from local manufacturers.

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**SECTION 11. Tax Deduction or Exemption of Donations and Contributions –**  
All legacies, gifts and donations for the benefit of the Center, or for its support and maintenance, or for aid to any of its athletes, coaches and referees shall be tax-exempt and shall be an allowable deduction from the gross-income of the donors.

**SECTION 12. Separability Clause.–** If any provision or part of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining sections of this Act or the application of such provision or part hereof to other persons or circumstance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 13. Repealing Clause -** All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 14. Effectivity Clause -** This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

**Approved,**