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AN ACT
TO PROVIDE FOR SYSTEMIC RESEARCH AND COLLECTION OF
INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO SPORTS-RELATED
CONCUSSIONS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 provides:

The State shall protect and promote the right
to health of the people and instill health
consciousness among them.

There is currently no comprehensive system for acquiring accurate data on the incidence of sports- and recreation-related concussions across all youth age groups and sports. There are significant information gaps in the proper protocol for diagnosis and treatment of sports-related concussions and more research desperately is needed. Concussion is a serious concern in sports. It is a danger that most of our athletes across different sports face on a daily basis.

As the primary sports governing body, the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) should be proactive in studying the incidence of concussion among our athletes. Data on sports-related concussion will go a long way into establishing policies that minimize their occurrence. These policies, in turn, will be able to save lives and careers of our promising athletes.

This bill mandates the PSC to establish a system of collecting data on sports-related concussion.

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

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6 SECTION 1. *Short Title* – This Act shall be known as “Sports-Related
7 Concussion Data Collection Act.”

8 SECTION 2. *Data Collection* – Within two (2) years from the
9 effectivity of this Act, the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) shall
10 establish and oversee a national system to accurately determine the
11 incidence of sports-related concussions.

12 SECTION 3. *Scope of the Data Collection*. – The data collected under
13 Section 2 shall, to the extent feasible, include each of the following:

- 14 1. The incidence of sports related concussions in individuals 5
15 through 21 years of age;
16 2. Demographic information of the injured individuals, including age,
17 sex, race, and ethnicity;
18 3. Pre-existing conditions of the injured individuals, such as attention
19 deficit hyperactivity disorder and learning disabilities;
20 4. The concussion history of the injured individuals, such as the
21 number and dates of prior concussions;
22 5. The use of protective equipment and impact monitoring devices;
23 6. The qualifications of personnel diagnosing the concussions;

- 1 7. The cause, nature, and extent of the concussive injury, including;
- 2 a. the sport or activity involved;
- 3 b. the recreational or competitive level of the sport or activity
- 4 involved;
- 5 c. the event type involved, including whether it was practice or
- 6 competition;
- 7 d. the impact location on the body;
- 8 e. the impact nature, such as contact with a playing surface,
- 9 another player, or equipment; and
- 10 f. signs and symptoms consistent with a concussion.

11 SECTION 4. *Report.* – Within one (1) year from completion of the

12 research, as provided by this Act, PSC shall submit its findings to the DOH

13 and the appropriate committees in the Senate and the House of

14 Representatives.

15 SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or

16 issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or

17 regulation contrary to or inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed,

18 modified, or amended accordingly.

19 SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen

20 (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general

21 circulation.

22 Adopted,

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