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AN ACT
EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF INCENTIVES GRANTED TO NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9064, ALSO KNOWN AS "NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 2001" AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION. 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "National Athletes,
2 Coaches and Trainers Benefits and Incentives Act".

3 **SEC. 2. Statement of Policy.** – The State shall promote excellence in sports
4 and through sports by providing for the welfare of national athletes, coaches and
5 trainers competing for the country and particular benefits and incentives for national
6 athletes and other athletes who have brought honor and recognition to the country by
7 winning in international sports competition.

8 **SEC. 3. Definition of Terms.** – For purposes of this Act, the following terms
9 shall be defined as follows:

10 (a) *National Athletes* - shall refer to athletes including persons with disabilities
11 who are Filipino citizens, members of the national training pool, recognized and
12 accredited by the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) and the Philippine Sports
13 Commission (PSC), including athletes with disabilities (AWD) who are recognized and

1 accredited by the National Paralympic Committee of the Philippines (NPC PHIL) and the
2 PSC and who have represented the country in international competitions.

3 (b) *National Coaches and Trainers* - shall refer to coaches and trainers of
4 national athletes, who are Filipino citizens, members of the national coaches and
5 trainers pool, recognized and accredited by the PSC and the POC, or the PSC and NPC
6 PHIL in the case of AWD coaches and trainers who have represented the country as
7 official coaches and trainers to national athletes in international competitions;

8 (c) *International Competitions* - shall refer to international sports competitions
9 under the following categories:

- 10 1. Regular major competitions with mandatory participation such as the Summer
11 Olympic Games, Winter Olympic Games, Asian Games, Asian Winter Games,
12 Southeast Asian (SEA) Games, Youth Olympic Games, Paralympic Games,
13 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, Asian Beach Games and Association of
14 Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Para Games;
- 15 2. World-level championships held every two (2) years or with at least forty-five (45)
16 countries participating by sport;
- 17 3. Asian-level competitions held every two (2) years or with at least twenty-five (25)
18 countries participating by sport; and
- 19 4. Qualifying competitions for world level games with at least forty-five (45)
20 countries participating.

21 (d) *Athletes with disabilities* - shall refer to persons with disabilities, as defined
22 under RA No. 7277, as amended, who are Filipino citizens, recognized and accredited
23 by the PSC and the NPC PHIL, and who have represented the country in international
24 competitions.

25 **SEC. 4. Benefits and Privileges for National Athletes, Coaches and**
26 **Trainers.** – Any national athlete, coach and trainer as defined herein and who is
27 currently registered as such, shall be entitled to the following:

- 1 (a) the grant of twenty percent (20%) discount from all establishments relative to the
2 utilization of transportation services, hotels, and other lodging establishments,
3 restaurants and recreation centers and purchase of medicine and sports equipment
4 anywhere in the country for the actual and exclusive use or enjoyment of the
5 national athlete, coach and trainer;
- 6 (b) minimum of twenty percent (20%) discount on admission fees charged by theaters,
7 cinema houses and concert halls, circuses, carnivals, and other similar places of
8 culture, leisure and amusement for the actual and exclusive use and enjoyment of
9 the national athlete, coach and trainer;
- 10 (c) free medical and dental consultations in private or government hospitals and similar
11 establishments anywhere in the country;
- 12 (d) coverage in the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) of the Philippine Health
13 Insurance Corporation (PHILHEALTH) through the sponsored program of the PSC;
- 14 (e) a comprehensive social security program to be formulated by the Social Security
15 System within one hundred eighty (180) days from the approval of this Act;
- 16 (f) priority in existing livelihood programs being undertaken by various government
17 agencies subject to the guidelines and qualifications by the implementing body;
- 18 (g) priority in national housing programs, affordable "pabahay" loans and other housing
19 opportunities subject to the guidelines and qualifications set by the National
20 Housing Authority (NHA) or the Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF); and
- 21 (h) use of living quarters and training centers set up and maintained by the PSC for the
22 exclusive use of national athletes while preparing and training for international
23 competitions.

24 Such privately owned establishments shall enjoy tax deductions equivalent to the
25 discounts extended to the national athletes, coaches and trainers under paragraphs (a)
26 and (b) hereof, subject to the rules and regulations to be issued by the Secretary of
27 Finance, as recommended by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, within ninety (90)

1 days upon effectivity of this Act. *Provided*, That the failure of the BIR to promulgate the
2 rules and regulations shall not prevent the implementation of aforementioned benefits.

3 **SEC. 5. Scholarships for National Athletes.** – A national athlete who wins in a
4 regular major international sports competition shall be entitled to scholarship benefits in
5 the form of full tuition fees in state colleges or universities in order to complete a college
6 or university degree. The winning athlete shall likewise be given priority in the availment
7 of state college or university scholarship grants.

8 Likewise, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Technical
9 Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA) shall give priority to winning
10 national athletes who seek scholarship grants and study under their programs subject to
11 the CHED and TESDA regulations and policies and qualifications for all applicants.

12 Private colleges and universities shall likewise be encouraged to adopt a similar
13 program in their institutions for winning national athletes.

14 **SEC. 6. Retirement Benefits For National Athletes, Coaches And Trainers.** –
15 Any national athlete, coach and trainer who wins in an international competition or has
16 coached or trained such winning national athlete shall receive a lump sum amount
17 equivalent to twenty-five percent (25%) of his/her total cash incentives computed from
18 the start of his/her active sports career as a member of the national training pool or
19 national coaches and trainers pool up to the last day of retirement from active
20 competition or training as certified by the PSC. Such lump sum amount shall be
21 extended sixty (60) days after the filing of the retirement papers.

22 **SEC. 7. Death Benefits.** - Upon the death of any national athlete, coach and
23 trainer, the primary beneficiaries shall be entitled to a lump sum benefit of thirty
24 thousand pesos (P30,000.00) to cover for the funeral services: *Provided*, That if the
25 athlete and coach has no primary beneficiaries, the secondary beneficiaries shall be
26 entitled to said benefits.

1 For purposes of this Act, primary beneficiaries shall refer to the legitimate
2 spouse, legitimate or illegitimate children. Secondary beneficiaries shall refer to the
3 parents, and in their absence, to the brothers or sisters of such athlete, coach and
4 trainer.

5 The benefits provided under this section shall be without prejudice to other
6 similar benefits that may be received by the national athlete, coach, and trainer from
7 other sources.

8 **SEC. 8. Cash Incentives for Athletes.** - National athletes and other athletes
9 who are not officially or currently members of the national training pool but who have
10 otherwise represented the country in international sports competitions, who win gold,
11 silver and bronze medals in international sports competitions shall be entitled to cash
12 incentives in the following amounts:

13 1. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

14 (a) For Gold Medalists:

- 15 1. Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000.00) and an Olympic Gold Medal of Valor to be
16 issued by the PSC for Summer Olympic and Winter Olympic Games;
- 17 2. Five Million Pesos (P5,000,000.00) and an Olympic Gold Medal of Valor to be
18 issued by the PSC for Youth Olympic Games and Paralympic Games;
- 19 3. Two Million Pesos (P2,000,000.00) for Asian Games and Asian Winter Games;
- 20 4. One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Asian Para Games, Asian Indoor and
21 Martial Arts Games, and World-level competitions held every two (2) years or
22 with at least forty-five (45) countries participating;
- 23 5. Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) for Asian Beach Games, Asian-
24 level competitions held every two (2) years or with at least twenty-five (25)
25 countries participating, and qualifying competitions for World-level and Asian-
26 level games;
- 27 6. Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (P300,000.00) for SEA Games; and

1 7. One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P150,000.00) for ASEAN Para Games.

2 (b) For Silver Medalists:

3 1. Five Million Pesos (P5,000,000.00) for Summer Olympic and Winter Olympic
4 Games;

5 2. Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P2,500,000.00) for Youth Olympic
6 Games and Paralympic Games;

7 3. One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Asian Games and Asian Winter Games;

8 4. Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) for Asian Paralympic Games,
9 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, and World-level competitions held every
10 two (2) years or with at least forty-five (45) countries participating;

11 5. Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P250,000.00) for Asian Beach Games,
12 Asian-level competitions held every two (2) years or with at least twenty-five (25)
13 countries participating, and qualifying competitions for World-level and Asian-
14 level games;

15 6. One Hundred Fifty Thousand (P150,000.00) for SEA Games; and

16 7. Seventy Five Thousand Pesos (P75,000.00) for ASEAN Para Games.

17 (c) For Bronze Medalists:

18 1. Two Million Pesos (P2,000,000.00) for Summer Olympic and Winter Olympic
19 Games;

20 2. One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Youth Olympic Games and Paralympic
21 Games;

22 3. Four Hundred Thousand Pesos (P400,000.00) for Asian Games and Asian
23 Winter Games;

24 4. Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P200, 000.00) for Asian Para Games and Asian
25 Indoor and Martial Arts Games, and World-level competitions held every two (2)
26 years or with at least forty-five (45) countries participating;

1 5. One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) for Asian Beach Games, Asian-
2 level competitions held every two (2) years or with at least twenty-five (25)
3 countries participating and qualifying competitions for World-level and Asian-level
4 Games;

5 6. Sixty Thousand (P60,000.00) for SEA Games; and

6 7. Thirty Thousand Pesos (P30,000.00) for ASEAN Para Games.

7 2. TEAM EVENTS

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

11 For competitions with five (5) or more participants per team, each team member
12 shall receive twenty five percent (25%) of the cash incentives for individual medal
13 winners as herein provided.

14 *Provided*, That for demonstration and exhibition sports events in regular major
15 international competitions with at least forty-five (45) countries participating, the winning
16 athlete shall receive twenty-five percent (25%) of the cash incentives based on above
17 cash incentive table.

18 *Provided*, further, That national athletes and other athletes who surpass
19 Philippine record or ranking in any measurable international sports competition shall be
20 given cash incentives, the amount of which may be determined by the PSC.

21 *Provided*, finally, That all cash incentives herein stated may be adjusted by the
22 PSC, in coordination with the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation
23 (PAGCOR), based on studies, consultations and public hearings with relevant agencies
24 to reflect the economic needs of the athletes, not later than three (3) years after the
25 effectivity of this Act and every three (3) years thereafter, upon approval of the
26 President of the Philippines.

1 **SEC. 9. *Cash Incentives for Coaches and Trainers.*** – Coaches and trainers of
2 national athletes shall also be entitled to cash incentives if they have personally trained
3 and rendered service to the athletes or teams who win in international competitions at
4 least six (6) months prior to the international competition. Certification to this effect by
5 the individual athlete or team manager for team events shall be in writing, duly attested
6 by their respective national sports associations (NSAs).

7 The incentives for the coaches and trainers shall be equivalent to fifty percent
8 (50%) of the cash incentives for gold, silver and bronze medalists. In case of more than
9 one (1) coach or trainer, the cash incentives shall be divided among themselves.

10 **SEC. 10. *Availment of Benefits and Privileges.*** – The above-mentioned
11 benefits and privileges shall be availed by athletes, coaches and trainers upon
12 presentation of a valid identification card, renewable every year, to be issued by the
13 PSC.

14 *Provided,* That national athletes, coaches and trainers shall not avail of said
15 benefits and privileges in combination with similar benefits and privileges under other
16 existing laws.

17 **SEC. 11. *Funding.*** - The amount necessary for the implementation of the cash
18 incentives and retirement benefits under this Act, shall be taken from the net cash
19 income of the PAGCOR, to be remitted directly as a special account to the National
20 Sports Development Fund (NSDF) of the PSC. This is in addition to the regular income
21 share of the PSC pursuant to Republic Act No. 6847.

22 A separate fund equivalent to not less than 60% of existing NSDF shall be
23 automatically set aside for the training and preparation of national athletes covered by
24 this Act.

25 Such amount as may be necessary to carry out the other provisions of this Act
26 shall be included in the budget of the PSC and concerned agencies in the General
27 Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

1 **SEC. 12. *Transitory Provision.*** - National athletes who have won and availed
2 of the benefits and privileges under Section 9 (Benefits, Privileges and Incentives for
3 Past Achievers) of the repealed Republic Act 9064 are considered to have fully claimed
4 their cash incentives.

5 National athletes who have not availed of the cash incentives on the above-
6 mentioned provision shall claim within three (3) years from the effectivity of this Act, and
7 thereafter would be construed as not eligible for the claim and have waived their rights.

8 **SEC. 13. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - The PSC, in consultation
9 with the POC, NPC PHIL, Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education
10 (DEPED), Commission on Higher education (CHED), Technical Education and Skills
11 Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Finance (DOF), Bureau of Internal
12 Revenue (BIR), PAGCOR, among others, and other concerned agencies shall
13 promulgate and issue the Implementing Rules and Regulations within sixty (60) days
14 upon approval of this Act. *Provided*, That the failure of PSC to promulgate the rules and
15 regulations shall not prevent the implementation of this Act upon its effectivity.

16 **SEC. 14. *Monitoring and Reportorial Requirements.*** – The PSC shall submit a
17 report on the benefits, privileges and incentives granted under this Act to national
18 athletes, coaches and trainers to the Department of Finance (DOF), the Department of
19 Budget and Management (DBM), PAGCOR, Senate Committee on Games, Amusement
20 and Sports, House of Representatives Committee on Youth and Sports Development
21 for the purpose of monitoring the implementation of this Act. The submission shall not
22 be later than three (3) years from the effectivity of this Act and every three (3) years
23 thereafter.

24 **SEC. 15. *Repealing Clause.*** – Republic Act 9064 is hereby repealed. All laws,
25 Presidential Decrees, Executive Orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof
26 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
27 accordingly.

1 **SEC. 16. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision or part hereof is declared
2 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected shall remain in
3 full force and effect.

4 **SEC. 17. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
5 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

6 **Approved,**