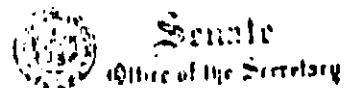


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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.

With the manner sports programs are facilitated in the country, those who are well-off are the ones who have access to better instruction, training, and facilities. In a developing country like the Philippines, most live below the poverty level so more pressing problems prevent them from pursuing any interest they have in sports. There is only the annual basketball *liga* in different *barangays* which is the highlight of the sports activities for most rural communities.

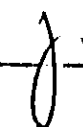
This bill seeks to establish a provincial sports complex in every province to tap the potential for athletic success of marginalized sectors in far flung areas, and to create a culture of love for sport. A sports complex with the proper facilities can inspire and attract more of the general public to engage in sports.¹

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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 “Provincial Sports
2 Complex.”

3 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – Pursuant to the Constitution, the State shall
4 give priority to education, science and technology, arts, and culture and sports to foster
5 patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation
6 and development.

7 Further, the Constitution provides that the State shall promote physical education
8 and encourage sports programs, league competitions and amateur sports, including
9 training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence
10 for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.

11 To this end, the government shall undertake to improve the facilities of our
12 athletes in the entire country.

13 SECTION 3. *Provincial Sports Complex.* – A sports complex shall be constructed
14 in every province within the next ten years. Within the first year from the effectivity of
15 this Act, the Philippine Sports Commission, in coordination with the governor of every
16 province, shall determine whether an existing government sports facility in the province

1 can be improved and considered as the provincial sports complex. If no such facility
2 exists, then a new complex shall be erected. The location, size, and design shall also be
3 determined within the same period.

4 SECTION 4. *Sports facilities.* – Every Provincial Sports Complex shall have
5 facilities for the following sports:

- 6 a. Archery;
- 7 b. Athletics;
- 8 c. Badminton;
- 9 d. Baseball;
- 10 e. Basketball;
- 11 f. Billiards;
- 12 g. Bowling;
- 13 h. Boxing;
- 14 i. Football;
- 15 j. Taekwondo;
- 16 k. Tennis;
- 17 l. Sepak Takraw
- 18 m. Swimming;
- 19 n. Volleyball;
- 20 o. Weightlifting;
- 21 p. Wrestling; and
- 22 q. Wushu.

23 The Philippine Sports Commission, in coordination with the governor, shall
24 include facilities for two other sports that are most popular in that province and are not
25 included in the list.

1 SECTION 5. *Role of the Philippine Sports Commission.* – The Philippine Sports
2 Commission shall be the lead agency in the construction of these provincial sports
3 complexes and shall administer their operations, in cooperation with the provincial local
4 governments. The Commission shall also issue the Implementing Rules and Regulations
5 of this Act within six months from its effectivity.

6 SECTION 6. *Funding.* – An initial amount of Two Hundred Fifty Million Pesos
7 (P250,000,000.00) shall be appropriated for this program in the budget of the Philippine
8 Sports Commission for its first year of implementation. Thereafter, such amounts as are
9 necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be taken out of the regular
10 appropriations of the Philippine Sports Commission.

11 SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
12 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
13 provisions hereof.

14 SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or
15 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby
16 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

17 SECTION 9. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
18 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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