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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The development of grassroots sports in the country has long been overdue. Despite the Filipinos' love for sports and athletics, support to achieve sustained excellence in sports from the private and public sector has been lacking.

With limited resources, the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) has sought to support our national athletes with a proper support system, international exposure, monthly training stipends and adequate training equipment. One major gap is a state-of-the-art facility where budding athletes can be turned into national champions and world icons.

Thus, the bill proposes the establishment of the National Sports Training Center (NSTC) to provide amateur athletes the facility they need for a more apt, focused and scientific training with the hope of nurturing our next generation of world-class athletes.

The NSTC would not only serve as the official venue of training for athletes, but it would also be the center for sports science research and development.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval 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:

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

3 **SEC. 2.** *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the state to promote and develop 4 elite sports in the country to achieve excellence in international sports competitions, to 5 ensure success in its quest for Olympic Medals, as well as to promote international amity 6 among nations.

SEC. 3. Establishment of National Amateur Sports Training Center. - To carry out
 the above policy, a state of the art and highly scientific sports complex hereinafter referred
 to as the "National Amateur Sports Training Center (NASTC)" is hereby established.

10 The necessary sports facilities and amenities which are at par with international 11 standards shall be constructed within a period of eighteen (18) months and after a period of 12 planning not exceeding six (6) months upon effectivity of this Act in a location suitable and 13 conducive to high-level training of athletes and preferably located at the outskirts of the 14 Metropolis free from moral obstruction, noise and air pollution.

SEC. 4. Objectives and Purposes of the National Amateur Sports Training Center. –
 The objectives and purposes of the NASTC are as follows:

17a. It shall serve as the official venue of training for the athletes in the National Team18included in the list of sports contemplated herein;

1	b. It shall serve as the official home of the national athletes who belong to sports
2	contemplated herein;
3	c. It shall be the center for sports science and research development; and
4	d. It shall be used for any other purpose inherent and incidental to the purposes for
5	which it was created.
6	SEC. 5. Sports Facilities and Amenities The NASTC shall include the following
7	sports facilities and amenities for the following non-water based sports:
8	a. Archery
9	b. Athletics
10	c. Badminton
11	d. Basebali
12	e. Basketball
13	f. Beach Volleyball
14	g. Bowling
15	h. Contacts Sports (Taekwondo, Karate, Judo, Wrestling)
16	i. Cycling (Velodrome)
17	j. Dance Sport
18	k. Football
19	l. Gymnastics
20	m. Handball
21	n. Lawn Tennis
22	o. Sepak Takraw
23	p. Shooting
24	q. Softball
25	r. Squash
26	s. Table Tennis
27	t. Volleyball
28	u. Wall Climbing
29	v. Weightlifting
30	Other amenities of the NASTC shall include:
31	a. Archery Multipurpose Gymnasium
32	b. Administration Building
33	c. Athletes' Dormitory
34	d. Sports Science Building
35	e. Mess Hall
36	f. Recreation Hall (AV Room)
37	g. Library
38	h. Weight Training Building
39	i. School Building
40	j. Conference/ Seminar Hall
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41 SEC. 6. Ownership, Administration, Management, Operation and Maintenance of

the Center. – The ownership of the property where the sports facilities and amenities of the

1 NASTC will be constructed is hereby vested to the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC). Upon 2 completion of the construction of sports facilities and amenities of the NASTC, the PSC is 3 likewise vested with authority to administer, manage, operate and maintain the NASTC 4 including but not limited to administration of incidental income, security and operation of 5 the complex and assignment of personnel to manage the center. Provided, That the PSC 6 shall employ professional and highly-skilled managers with long and vast experience in 7 sports administration and management to ensure the maintenance and upkeep of the 8 center and its facilities and other amenities.

9 SEC. 7. Creation of the Board. – To expedite the implementation of establishing and 10 constructing the NASTC and to ensure its compliance with all the safety standards and 11 construction laws and its technicalities, including international standards in building sports 12 facilities, the Board is hereby created composed of the following:

- 13 a. Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Chairman
- 14 b. DPWH Co-Chairman
- 15 c. Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) Member
- 16 d. Local Government Unit (LGU) Member
- 17 e. Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Member

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

- 20 a. Determination of the specific location of the NASTC;
- 21 b. Acquisition of property and transfer of title to PSC;
- 22 c. Site development, planning and design of facilities;
- 23 d. Ensuring safety and security standards are met;
- e. Ensuring that facilities and structures conform to the Building Code of the
 Philippines and other pertinent laws as well as international standards; and
- 26f. Ensuring that appropriate funds are available to implement and complete the27center.

The Board shall cease to exist within six (6) months upon completion of the entire NASTC and its facilities.

30 SEC. 8. Assistance From Other Government Agencies. – The PSC may call upon 31 concerned government agencies for assistance in the acquisition and transfer of Title of the 32 property where the NASTC will be located, planning and site development of the property, 33 management of the facilities that shall ensure the safety and security of the National 34 Athletes in the NASTC and the implementation of an educational program in the center.

SEC. 9. Funding. - For the construction of the facilities to establish the NASTC, the
 amount of Two Billion Pesos (PHP 2,000,000,000.00) from the National Treasury is hereby
 appropriated.

To finance the maintenance, operation and management of the NASTC one (1) year upon its completion of construction and operation, the amount of Fifty Five Million Pesos (PHP 55,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated in addition to the general fund allocated for the
 Maintenance and Operating Expenses (MOOE) of the PSC under the General Appropriations
 Act.

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

8 **SEC. 10.** *Tax Exemption.* – The NASTC shall be exempt from the payment of real 9 estate tax, stamp tax, amusement tax, income tax and/or any other form of taxes on the 10 properties.

SEC. 11. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) shall the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 12. Separability Clause. — Should any provision herein be declared
 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.

SEC. 13. Repealing Clause. — All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to and inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 14. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication either in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

24 Approved,