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Introduced by **Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri**

**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE SPORTS ACADEMY AND TRAINING
CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUTALAC, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL
NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 19 of Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides that "the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry."

Majority of our Filipino youth are inclined at sports and has a potential to compete with other nations. However, due to the lack of facilities, trainers, sport managers, coaches, and other resource persons specializing in sports, the hope for a standard sports training that you will equip our Filipino youth to become a world-class athletes will remain distant reality.

Establishing the Zamboanga del Norte Sports Academy and Training Center in the Municipality of Gutalac can help athletes from the region perform and develop their skills and talent in sports. This is also a training ground to prepare dreamers and student athletes in any local and national competition. This Academy is envisioned to breed athletes of global standards.

Moreover, the Zamboanga del Norte Sports Academy and Training Center is envisioned to promote teamwork, self-discipline, and unity. A venue for athletes to expose themselves in both local and international competition including the South East Asian Games and the Olympics.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established in the Municipality of Gutalac, Province of
2 Zamboanga del Norte, a sports academy and training center to be known as the "Zamboanga
3 del Norte Sports Academy and Training Center", which shall be constituted as the primary
4 sports development and training center for the Province of Zamboanga del Norte and the
5 neighboring municipalities as well

6 **SECTION 2.** The Provincial Government of Zamboanga del Norte and Municipal
7 Government of Gutalac, in coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), shall take
8 the necessary steps to upgrade, improve, and modernize existing facilities, equipment and
9 personnel, and integrate them into the newly created sports academy and training center.

10 The Provincial Government of Zamboanga del Norte and Municipal Government, in
11 coordination with the PSC, shall create the necessary training programs and competitions, as
12 well as the system by which the facilities shall be maintained and managed in order to
13 accomplish the objectives and purpose of this Act.

14 **SECTION 3.** The construction, establishment and operation of the Zamboanga del
15 Norte Sports academy and Training Center shall be funded by the Provincial Government of
16 Zamboanga del Norte and the Municipal Government of Gutalac, and such funds as may be
17 granted by the PSC and by the Office of the President. In addition, grants any endowments
18 intended for sports development may be obtained from local and foreign sources.

19 **SECTION 4.** The PSC, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), the
20 Provincial Government of Zamboanga del Norte, the Municipal Government of Gutalac, and
21 other concerned stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the
22 implementation of this Act within ninety (90) days after its enactment into law.

23 **SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
24 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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26 Approved,