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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the State to promote physical education and sports as well as to encourage sports programs, league competitions and amateur sports, including training for international sports competitions to foster self-discipline, teamwork and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.

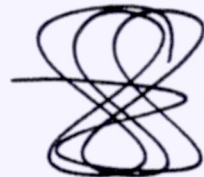
Pursuant thereto, the State hereby implements a comprehensive national grassroots sports program through the institutionalization of the Philippine National Games (PNG) as the country's premier national sports competition.

The program shall ensure a more inclusive system of promoting and encouraging the participation of the citizenry across the country especially from the youth in the grassroots who possess promising potentials of becoming world champions.

To feasibly achieve the goal of the PNG, all educational institutions in the country and the local government units shall be linked to National Sports Associations on one hand while the grassroots sports promotion shall be linked to elite sports development on the other hand.

In this regard, this bill seeks to institutionalize the Philippine National Games and appropriate funds therefor.

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 Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Philippine National Games Act.”  
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3 **Sec. 2. Declaration of Policies.** – It is the policy of the State to promote physical education  
4 and sports as well as to encourage sports programs, league competitions and amateur sports,  
5 including training for international sports competitions to foster self-discipline, teamwork and  
6 excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.  
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8 Relative thereto, the State hereby implements a comprehensive national grassroots  
9 sports program through the institutionalization of the Philippine National Games as the  
10 country’s premier national sports competition. The program covers an inclusive manner of  
11 harnessing the potentials of the citizenry and cultivate these potentials into champion athletes  
12 who could bring glory to our country.  
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14 Pursuant thereto, all educational institutions throughout the country and local  
15 government units shall undertake regular sports activities in cooperation with athletic clubs and  
16 other sectors to promote the objectives of the Philippine National Games.  
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18 **Sec. 3. Objectives.** – The objectives of the Philippine National Games (PNG) are as follows:  
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- 20 (a) To provide the structure for a truly integrated and comprehensive national sports  
21 program linking grassroots sports promotion to elite sports development;  
22 (b) To serve as the government’s premier national sports competition to be held one  
23 every two years;  
24 (c) To encourage all local government officials to promote the development of sports  
25 in the countryside covering all barangays, towns, municipalities, cities and  
26 provinces;

- 1 (d) To serve as a venue for the National Sports Associations in promoting their  
2 respective sports at the grassroots level providing the necessary linkages with local  
3 government units; and  
4 (e) To serve as the pinnacle of a unified sports promotion and development program,  
5 bringing together in harmony and solidarity all sectors in sports, public and private.  
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7 **Sec. 4. Coordinating Agencies and Instrumentalities.** – In the implementation of this Act, the  
8 following government agencies, instrumentalities and entities are hereby mandated to  
9 coordinate the various aspects thereof, with:

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11 (a) Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) – The PSC shall be the overall coordinator of the  
12 national grassroots sports development program and the governing body of the  
13 Philippine National Games program.  
14 (b) Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) – The DILG shall be the  
15 supervising government in charge all the local government units (LGUs) participating  
16 in the Philippine National Games.  
17 (c) Local Government Units (LGUs) – The LGUs are the provinces and cities ~~given~~  
18 ~~authority by the PSC~~ to participate in the Philippine National Games. For this purpose,  
19 all LGUs shall have the right to choose their athletes who will participate in the PNG.  
20 (d) Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) – The AFP shall be in charge of its athletes and  
21 shall have the right to choose from among its personnel who will participate in the PNG.  
22 (e) Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) – The POC shall be the non-governmental body  
23 supervising all participating National Sports Associations involved in the PNG.  
24 (f) National Sports Association (NSAs) – The NSAs are the governing bodies in charge of  
25 organizing and conducting the competitions of their respective sports in the PNG.  
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27 **Sec 5. Roles and Responsibilities.** – The following agencies and instrumentalities enumerated  
28 hereunder shall have the following roles and responsibilities.  
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- 30 (a) Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) – The PSC shall be the overall governing body of  
31 the PNG with the following functions and responsibilities:  
32 1. To establish the PNG National Secretariat which shall serve as the center for the  
33 day-to-day operations of the PNG;  
34 2. To formulate the necessary policies and regulations that would govern the  
35 relationships among the organizations involved such as the DILG, the LGUs,  
36 the AFP, the POC and the NSAs;  
37 3. To determine the venue and schedule of the Philippine National Games;  
38 4. To determine the sports to be included which shall be aligned with the sports  
39 played by the Philippines in the Southeast Asian Games, Asian Games,  
40 Olympics and other important international sports events;  
41 5. To determine the regional or cluster qualifying competitions, including the  
42 qualifying standards, in consultation with the National Sports Associations; and  
43 6. To establish a mediation body, including its rules and procedures, to resolve  
44 disputes related to the conduct of the PNG.  
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1 (b) Local Government Units (LGUs) – The LGUs are recognized by the PSC as having the  
2 authority and responsibility of recruiting, training, selecting and developing athletes  
3 who will compete in the PNG, and organizing local competitions in their respective  
4 jurisdictions.

5 1. They shall have the authority to enter athletes in the PNG and its corresponding  
6 regional and cluster qualifying competitions;

7 2. The LGUs, headed by the provincial governor or city mayor, shall be  
8 responsible for the entire delegation entered in the PNG, and shall ensure that  
9 their athletes comply with the eligibility rules of the PNG;

10 3. The LGUs may enter any athlete in any event as may be allowed by the PNG  
11 rules, provided that said athlete is not under suspension or expelled by the  
12 concerned NSA for cause, consistent with the international rules of their sports.  
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14 (c) Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) – The AFP is recognized by the PSC as having  
15 the authority and responsibility of training, selecting and developing athletes from their  
16 enlisted personnel to be entered in the PNG. The Chief of Staff of the AFP shall be  
17 responsible for the entire AFP delegation entered in the PNG, and shall ensure that their  
18 athletes comply with the eligibility rules of the PNG.  
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20 It must ensure that their athletes are not under suspension or expelled by the concerned  
21 NSA for a case, consistent with the international rules of their sport.  
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23 **Sec. 6. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act shall be declared invalid or  
24 unconstitutional, the remaining part of provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in force.  
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26 **Sec. 7. Repealing Clause.** – All existing laws or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions  
27 of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.  
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29 **Sec. 8. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
30 the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.  
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33 *Approved,*