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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines has minimal involvement in wrestling. Due to the lack of programs, technology, training, equipment, promotion, and pool of athletes in this Olympic sport, the country is in a competitive disadvantage. With this, foreign athletes can help in honing the development and skills of this sport.

Since 1988, the trend of naturalizing foreign athletes have been in order for the purpose of gaining an advantage in competitions and for the growth of the sport in the country. In 2016, the Congress granted Andray Blatche citizenship which led to the country being qualified for the FIBA World Championships.

Egor Dmitriev, 27 years old, is a Russian Federation (Sakha Republic) freestyle wrestling champion. He has competed in several events held by the United World Wrestling (UWW) – the governing body that oversees wrestling in the Olympics and world championships.

Dmitriev has expressed his interest in joining the Philippine wrestling team and competing for the country. In addition, if the citizenship is granted and given his experience and skills, he wishes to train and teach the National Wrestling Team in order to further hone their skills and develop their talents.

This bill seeks for the granting of Philippine citizenship to Egor Dmitriev.

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

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

- 1 **Section 1.** *Grant of Philippine Citizenship.* – Mr. Egor Dmitriev is hereby granted
2 Philippine citizenship with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and
3 obligations appurtenant thereto under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the
4 Philippines.
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6 **Section 2.** *Oath of Allegiance.* After the taking by Mr. Egor Dmitriev of his Oath of
7 Allegiance before an officer duly authorized for this purpose, and the registration of the same
8 with the Bureau of Immigration, Mr. Egor Dmitriev shall enter upon the full enjoyment of his
9 Philippine citizenship.
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11 **Section 3.** *Certificate of Naturalization.* – Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the
12 Bureau of Immigration shall forthwith issue Mr. Egor Dmitriev's Certificate of Naturalization.
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14 **Section 4.** *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
15 the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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