

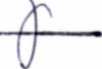
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**AN ACT
PROVIDING INSURANCE COVERAGE TO
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GAMES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**


EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines consistently earns respect and adulation from all over the world due to the championships won by our professional athletes with world-class talents. Among those are Gabriel Elorde, Luisito Espinosa, Gerry Penalosa, Nonito Donaire, and Senator Emmanuel Pacquiao in the boxing arena; Lydia de Vega and Elma Muros-Posadas in Track and Field; Rafael Reyes, Francisco Bustamante and Rubilen Amit in Billiards; and Eugene Torre in Chess.

This bill aims to recognize the honor, glory and pride the Filipino athletes who will be competing in the upcoming 2019 Southeast Asian Games which will begin on November 30, 2019, and to assure them that their efforts will never be forgotten.

This bill further seeks to provide insurance benefits to all professional Filipino athletes who are competing in any international professional sports competition or in other equally prestigious world championship games, who gives honor, glory and pride to the Philippines, in both individual and team events.

In view of the foregoing, the 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 be assembled:*

1 SECTION 1. *Title.* — This Act shall be known as the "Professional Filipino
2 Athletes Insurance Benefits Act."

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4 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — The State shall provide insurance
5 benefits to professional Filipino athletes who are competing in any international
6 professional sports competition or in other equally prestigious world championship
7 games, in both individual and team events, in recognition of the glory and honor they
8 bestowed to the Philippines.

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10 SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* — For purposes of this Act, the
11 following terms shall be defined as follows:

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13 a. *Professional Filipino athletes* shall refer to athletes who are Filipino citizens
14 and paid a sum of money or other compensation as a salary or prize money
15 for participating in a game, bout, tournament, or contest of professional

1 sport, either as an individual contestant or as a member of a team under a
2 contract entered into with a professional sports promoter/operator or team
3 owner and licensed by the Games and Amusement Board (GAB);
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5 b. *Professional sports* shall refer to individual or team sports, games, contests,
6 bouts, tournaments or competitions whereby the participating athlete is
7 paid sums of money and other forms of compensation as regular salary or
8 prize for participation, which are accredited and recognized by the GAB;
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10 c. *International professional sports competitions* shall refer to international
11 compensations that confer world championship titles in both individual and
12 team events which are duly sanctioned and recognized by international
13 sporting organizations and bodies and accredited by the GAB;
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15 d. *Other equally prestigious world championship games* shall refer to other
16 international professional sports competitions that confer the same rank or
17 stature as world championship titles and recognized as such by the GAB.
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19 SECTION 4. *Coverage.* — The benefits under this Act shall apply to all
20 professional Filipino athletes who are competing in any international
21 professional sports competition or in other equally prestigious world
22 championship games, in both individual and team events.
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24 SECTION 5. *Insurance Benefits.* - All professional Filipino athletes who are
25 competing in any international professional sports competition or in other
26 equally prestigious world championship games, in both individual and team
27 events, shall be given free insurance coverage that shall cover medical
28 expenses, travel insurance, death benefits, among others.
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1 SECTION 6. *Appropriations.* — The Games and Amusement Board (GAB)
2 and the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) shall immediately include in the
3 their programs, the implementation of the benefits under this Act, the funding
4 of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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6 SECTION 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* — The GAB and PSC,
7 in consultation with the Senate, the House of Representatives, and other
8 concerned agencies, shall promulgate and issue the Implementing Rules and
9 Regulations within ninety (90) days upon approval of this Act.
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11 SECTION 8. *Separability Clause.* — If any provision or part of this Act
12 shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions, which are not affected
13 thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.
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15 SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, presidential decrees,
16 executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent
17 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
18 accordingly.
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20 SECTION 10. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
21 after its publication in the Official Gazette and at least one newspaper of general
22 circulation.
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24 *Approved,*