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AN ACT

FURTHER EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF INCENTIVES GRANTED TO NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10699 OR THE "NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT."

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The recently concluded Southeast Asian (SEA) Games just displayed a dominant performance by the Philippines, having finished first place among the participating nations with a total of more than 300 medals – over 100 of which are gold. In fact, this has been our best SEA games performance since 2005 wherein the country finished first and tallied 291 medals.

With such a stellar performance, it is only fitting that our national athletes and their coaches receive higher incentives from the government as they go on to compete in other international competitions. And while R.A. No. 10699 – which this representation helped usher into law – provided for expanded incentives for our national athletes and coaches, there is a need to increase the said cash incentives under the law in to reflect the gratitude this country has for the enormous work and sacrifice that our national athletes and coaches have put in to bring pride and honor to the Philippines. The added incentives will encourage Filipinos to engage in sports – especially those which have yet to attract mainstream popularity – and represent the country in the future. This measure will also provide additional support for the recipients to further hone their skills and expertise – whether here in the Philippines or abroad. Finally, it is also our hope that the increased cash incentives can also help

our national athletes to be free from the worry of providing for their day-to-day necessities and instead focus on their respective sports.

As a nation proud of its national athletes and coaches, 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. Section 8 of Republic Act No. 10699 otherwise known as the "National Athletes and Coaches Benefits and Incentives Act", is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8. *Cash Incentives for Athletes* – National athletes and other athletes who are not officially or currently members of the national training pool but who have otherwise represented the country in international sports competition, who win gold, silver and bronze medals in international sports competitions shall be entitled to cash incentives in the following amounts:

a. Individual Events

1. For Gold Medalists:

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v. [~~Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00)~~] **SIX HUNDRED**

THOUSAND PESOS (P600,000.00) for Asian Beach Games, and Asian-level competitions held at least every two (2) years with at least twenty-five (25) countries participating, and qualifying competitions for World-level and Asian-level games;

vi. [~~Three hundred thousand pesos (P300,000.00)~~] **FOUR**

HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P400,000.00) for SEA Games; and

vii. [~~One hundred fifty thousand pesos (P150,000.00)~~] **TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000)** for ASEAN Para Games.

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2. For Silver Medalists:

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v. [~~Two hundred fifty thousand pesos (P250,000.00)~~] **THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P350,000.00)** for Asian Beach Games, and Asian-level competition held at least every two (2) years with at least twenty-five (25) countries participating, and qualifying competitions for World-level and Asian-level games;

vi. [~~One hundred fifty thousand pesos (P150,000.00)~~] **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P250,000.00)** for SEA Games; and

vii. [~~Seventy five thousand pesos (P75,000.00)~~] **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P125,000.00)** for ASEAN Para Games.

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3. For Bronze Medalists:

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v. [~~One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00)~~] **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P150,000.00)** for Asian Beach Games, and Asian-level competitions held at least every two (2) years with at least twenty-five (25) countries participating and qualifying competition for World-level and Asian-level games;

vi. [~~Sixty thousand pesos (P60,000.00)~~] **ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00)** for SEA Games; and

vii. [~~Thirty thousand pesos (P30,000.00)~~] **FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00)** for ASEAN Para Games.

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SEC. 3. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders or rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of the general circulation.

Approved.