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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article II, Section 17, provides:

"The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress and promote total human liberation and development."

The future of any national sports program lies in the development of their young athletes. The most successful countries in the Olympics were able to showcase outstanding performances in view of the fact that their gold winning athletes were trained, nurtured, and developed in their specific events at a young age.

This bill seeks to encourage and benefit young athletes through financial incentives and assistance in their development by providing three methods. First, it encourages and allows young athletes to be members of sports clubs and programs. Secondly, it provides incentives to such sports clubs and programs. Lastly, the bill seeks to improve sports facilities.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure 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 “Young Athletes
2 Assistance Act.”
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4 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policies and Objectives.* – Pursuant to the
5 Constitution, Article II, Section 17, the State shall give priority to education,
6 science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and
7 nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and
8 development.
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10 In addition to this, Article XIV, Section 19, paragraph 1 provides that the State
11 shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league
12 competitions and amateur sports, including training for international competitions,
13 to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy
14 and alert citizenry.
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16 Sec. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – For purposes of this Act, the term:

17 (A) “Athlete program” refers to an athletic program at any educational
18 institution, sports club, or from the local or national government; and

1 (B) "Young athlete" refers to any person who engages in sports and is below
2 eighteen (18) years of age.
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4 Sec. 4. *Get Started, Get Going and Get Playing Funds.* – Three separate
5 funds for the strengthening of grassroots sports programs are hereby created to
6 be administered by the Philippine Sports Commission.
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8 Sec. 5. *Get Started in Sports Fund.* – This assists young athletes who can
9 at least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club.
10 Young athletes shall be provided with a voucher of up to Three Thousand Pesos
11 (P3,000.00) to help pay for participation fees. The vouchers can be redeemed at
12 a sport or recreation club registered with the program.
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14 Sec. 6. *Get Going Fund.* – This fund supports local sports and recreation
15 organizations with funding up to Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) for projects
16 that create opportunities for more young athletes to become members.
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18 Sec. 7. *Get Playing Fund.* – This fund improves sports facilities by providing
19 up to Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) in funding to assist local sports
20 and recreation organizations with facility development so more young athletes are
21 encouraged to become involved in sport or recreation activity of their choice.
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23 Sec. 8. *Funding Requirements.* – The amount of Eighty Million Pesos
24 (P80,000,000.00) shall be set aside from the revenues of the Philippine
25 Amusement and Gaming Corporation annually to be allocated for the funding of
26 this Act.
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28 Sec. 9. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
29 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
30 provisions hereof.

1 Sec. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or
2 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby
3 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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5 Sec. 11. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
6 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general
7 circulation.

Approved,