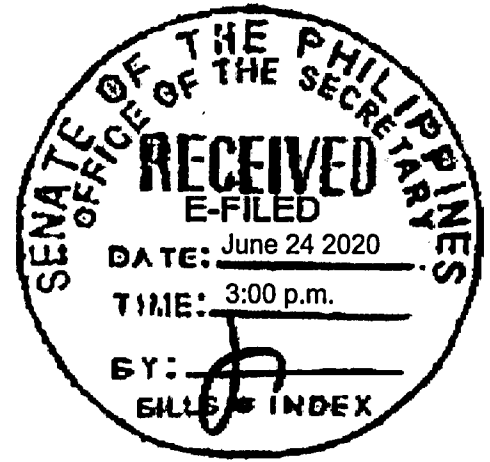


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SENATE
S.B. No. 1637

Introduced by SENATOR SONNY ANGARA

AN ACT
AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6847,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION ACT

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 6847 which created the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) was enacted in 1990 to serve as the country's direct arm in cultivating an amateur and/or grassroots sports program and in assisting in the training and development of our national athletes. Almost three (3) decades since the PSC was created, we have seen our Filipino athletes emerge triumphant in some of the world's biggest sporting events. More recently, weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz, gymnast Carlos Yulo, skateboarder Margielyn Didal, and boxer Eumir Marcial to name a few have become household names due to their respective international successes.

This is despite PSC getting a small share in government funds when compared to other agencies. This restricts their desire to expand their objective of promoting sports in all corners of the country as their limited budget cannot fund infrastructure for sport facilities, complexes, and centers.

While the recent signing of Republic Act No. 11214 (Philippine Sports Training Center) and Republic Act No. 11470 (National Academy of Sports) – which this representation helped pass into law – should be a welcome development for the PSC, there is still a need to empower the only agency dedicated for amateur sports promotion to enable them to reach more young and aspiring Filipino athletes.

The proposed measure will amend a function of the PSC and enable them to formulate and implement a multi-year infrastructure plan to establish new sports facilities and maintain and develop existing ones in order to suit the constantly evolving needs of our Filipino athletes. This would also ensure that young Filipinos will have access to facilities that are at par with standards so that they may hone their skills in preparation of the greater call in the future.

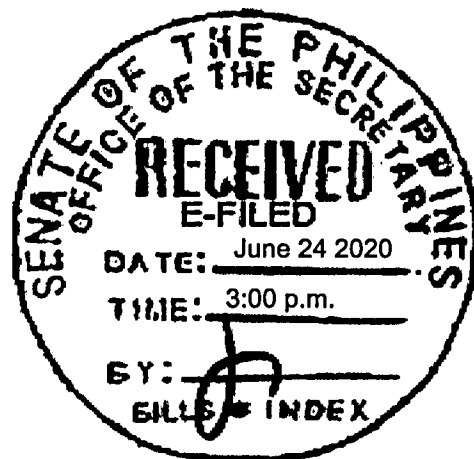
While the country will continue to adapt and face the challenges of this new normal brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important that we don't abandon sports – especially since this sector espouses many virtues that we need in these trying times such as assertiveness, perseverance, kindness, and fortitude. In fact, we should build upon it by empowering the PSC to be more responsive and proactive.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of the 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. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 6847 otherwise known as the "The
2 Philippine Sports Commission Act" , is hereby further amended to read as follows:

3 "Sec. 5. Nature of the Commission. – The Commission shall exercise
4 corporate powers. It shall have a seal, may sue and be sued, and
5 shall be the sole-policy making and coordinating body of all amateur
6 sports development programs and institutions in the Philippines:
7 *Provided,* That in the case of school sports development program,
8 the same shall be formulated and implemented by the [Department
9 of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)] **DEPARTMENT OF**
10 **EDUCATION (DEPED)** [with the assistance of the Commission
11 within the framework of the national sports development program]
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14 **COORDINATION WITH THE COMMISSION."**

15 SEC. 2. Section 6 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as
16 follows:

17 "Sec. 6. Objectives of the Commission. – The objectives of the
18 Commission are:

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“(b) To encourage wide participation of all sectors, government and private, in amateur sports promotion and development; ~~and~~”

“(c) To supplement government appropriations for sports promotion and development~~[-];~~ **AND**”

“(D) TO PROMOTE GRASSROOTS AND AMATEUR SPORTS IN THE COUNTRY BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO SPORTS FACILITIES AND VENUES.”

SEC. 3. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 7. Functions of the Commission. – The Commission shall have the following functions:

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“(a) Plan, implement and oversee an integrated amateur sports promotion and development program for the country~~[-, including the program for the Decade of Physical Fitness and Sports: 1990-2000, pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 406,]~~ in coordination with various sectors involved in sports, including, among others, the Philippine Olympic Committee, the National Sports Associations, the public and private schools, government corporations and entities, the local governments, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and other sports organizations and private corporations;”

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“(d) FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT A MULTI-YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN WHICH WILL [E]establish NEW, ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE, AND fully-equipped sports facilities, SPORTS COMPLEXES and SPORT centers in strategic places in the country ~~[and, as far as practicable, such modern sports complexes]~~ adequate for major international competitions AND DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN EXISTING SPORTS FACILITIES, SPORTS COMPLEXES AND SPORTS CENTERS OWNED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, PROVIDED, THAT THE

1 **ABOVEMENTIONED PLAN SHALL BE FORMULATED WITHIN**
2 **ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT;"**

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4 "(j) Recommend and propose to the [~~Department of Education,~~
5 ~~Culture and Sports~~] **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**, Department
6 of Local Government and other government agencies and
7 instrumentalities having sports programs, to incorporate in their
8 respective annual budgets, a separate and specific budget for sports
9 promotion and development;"

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11 "(m) Encourage, promote and sustain the creation and
12 establishment of regional, provincial, municipal and barangay or
13 school district sports promotion and development councils,
14 composed of officials of the [~~Department of Education, Culture and~~
15 ~~Sports,~~] **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**, Department of Local
16 Government, local government officials, and representatives of the
17 private sector, which shall initiate, conduct and coordinate sports
18 activities in their respective jurisdictions; and"

19 SEC. 4. Section 26 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as
20 follows:

21 "Sec. 26. Funding. – In order to provide the necessary funds required
22 for the organizational and initial calendar year of operational
23 expenditures of the Commission, the amount of Twenty-five million
24 pesos (P25,000,000.00) from the National Treasury is hereby
25 appropriated: *Provided*, That operating expenses for the
26 Commission itself shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the
27 annual appropriation and that at least eighty percent (80%) of said
28 annual appropriation and all of the national sports development
29 funds, as hereinafter provided, shall be disbursed for the national
30 sports program, particularly in support of the identification,
31 recruitment and training of athletes in pre-regional, regional,
32 national and international competitions[~~, including the~~

1 ~~implementation of the Decade of Physical Fitness and Sports: 1990–~~
2 ~~2000].~~

3 "To finance the country's integrated sports development program,
4 including the holding of the national games and all other sports
5 competitions at all levels throughout the country as well as the
6 country's participation at international sports competitions, such as,
7 but not limited to, the Olympic, Asian, and Southeast Asian Games,
8 and all other international competitions, sanctioned by the
9 International Olympic Committee and the International Federations,
10 thirty percent (30%) representing the charity fund of the proceeds
11 of six (6) sweepstakes or lottery draws per annum, taxes on horse
12 races during special holidays, five percent (5%) of the gross income
13 of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation, the proceeds
14 from the sale of stamps as hereinafter provided, and three percent
15 (3%) of all taxes collected on imported athletic equipment shall be
16 automatically remitted directly to the Commission and are hereby
17 constituted as the National Sports Development Fund. Further, the
18 Philippine Postal Service Office is hereby authorized to print paper
19 and gold stamps which shall depict sports events and such other
20 motif as the Philippine Postal Service Office may decide, at the
21 expense of the Commission. Any deficiency in the financial
22 requirements of the Commission for its sports development program
23 **AS WELL AS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS MULTI-**
24 **YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS STATED**
25 **UNDER SECTION 3(D) OF THIS ACT** shall be [covered]
26 **AUGMENTED** by an annual appropriation passed by Congress."

27 SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
28 unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full
29 force and effect.

30 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders or rules and
31 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
32 repealed or modified accordingly

1 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
2 publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of the general circulation.

Approved,