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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 6847, creating the Philippine Sports Commission, was enacted to provide among others, the leadership and direction for all national amateur sports with particular emphasis on grass-roots participation.

The performance of our national athletes in recent international competitions is a clear indication of the state of Philippine Sports. It is strongly believed that in order to further sports development in our country, reforms should be made in our sports program and policy by way of amendments to the PSC law.

This bill is intended to put more teeth to the Philippine Sports Commission charter by providing institutionalized support and incentives to athletes and coaches, as well as to sports medicine and research. This bill also aims to support and maximize the funding of mass-based sports development programs.

If only to encourage our people to take an active part in sports and sport development and to motivate the present crop of athletes to perform with excellence in national and international sports competitions, even as we recognize their contribution and efforts to further Philippine Sports, the approval of this bill is earnestly urged.


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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6847, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION LAW, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read
as follows:

"SEC. 7. Functions of the Commission. - The Commission should have the
following functions:

"Subsections (a) to (h) x x x;

"(i) Provide such incentives, recognition, BENEFITS, and awards to
deserving [Associations,] athletes, referees, game officials , coaches, trainers,
DULY-INCORPORATED NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS and
ORGANIZATIONS, and other NATURAL OR JURIDICAL persons or entities
involved in or supporting sports development as may be permissible under the
INTERNATIONALLY-ACCEPTED rules of amateurism;

"Subsections (j) to (m) x x x ;

(n) PROVIDE SUCH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, GRANTS, SUBSIDIES,
AND CONTRIBUTION TO DULY INCORPORATED NATIONAL SPORTS
ASSOCIATIONS, PRIVATE ASSOCIATIONS, AND ENTITIES,
NONGOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS FOR THE
PRIMARY PURPOSE OF PROMOTING, DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING
PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES
AND GUIDELINES OF THE COMMISSION AND IN CONSONANCE WITH THE
NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:
PROVIDED, THAT PRIORITY SHALL BE GIVEN TO SPORTS AND ATHLETIC
EVENTS IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS, PARTICULARLY
THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES, ASIAN GAMES, AND OLYMPICS WHERE
FILIPINO ATHLETES CAN BEST EXCEL IN AS DETERMINED BY THE
COMMISSION: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE SAME SHALL NOT EXCEED
THIRTY PERCENT (30%) OF THE TOTAL FUNDS OF THE COMMISSION.

(o) PROVIDE ASISTANCE TO THE PHILIPPINE CENTER FOR
SPORTS MEDICINE (PCSM) FOR THE CENTERS USE IN THE RESEARCH,

PROMOTION, DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SPORTS SCIENCE AND SPORTS MEDICINE IN THE COUNTRY;

(p) MAINTAIN A SPORT LIBRARY WITHIN TVE RIZAL MEMORIAL SPORTS COMPLEX AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR ITS CONTINUOUS UPGRADE THROUGH THE ACQUISITIONS OF UP TO DATE BOOKS, MAGAZINES, AND OTHER REFERENCE MATERIALS RELEVANT TO SPORTS AND PHYSICAL FITNESS, AS WELL AS STATE OF THE ART LIBRARY EQUIPMENT;

(q) CARRY OUT WELL-PLANNED, ADEQUATELY FUNDED, AND SATISFACTORILY PREPARED OPERATION AND ACTION PLANS FOR COMPETITIONS IN THE OLYMPICS, ASIAN, SOUTHEAST ASIAN, AND OTHER GAMES IN WHICH THE COUNTRY IS AN OFFICIAL PARTICIPANT, AND IN SUCH OTHER EVENTS SPONSORED BY INTERNATIONAL OR WORLD SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS OR FEDERATIONS OF WHICH THE PHILIPPINES IS AN OFFICIAL MEMBER;

(r) [(n)] Exercise such other acts as are incident to or are appropriate and necessary in connection with the creation of the Commission.”

SEC. 2. Section 13 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 13. National Sports Associations. - DULY INCORPORATED National Sports Associations, organized for their respective sports in the Philippines and or [/or] affiliated with their respective international federation, [which] AND are recognized by the International Olympic Committee THROUGH THE PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, are HEREBY recognized [as such by the Commission AS JURIDICAL ENTITIES WITH LEGAL CAPACITY TO ACT WITH RESPECT TO THE SPORTS FOR WHICH THE ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN ORGANIZED AND IS COMMITTED TO SERVE.”

SEC. 3. A new Section 18 is hereby inserted to read as follows:

“SEC. 18 INCENTIVES. - THE INCENTIVE AND BENEFITS THAT MAY BE AWARDED OR GRANTED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER SECTION 7 (i) HEREOF SHALL INCLUDE BUT SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

(A) LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS) DURING THE NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING PERIOD AND PERIOD OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION, ACCORDING TO AN APPROVED SCALE FOR ATHLETES AND COACHES;

(B) CASH AND NON-CASH INCENTIVES AND AWARDS TO OUTSTANDING SPORTS ACHIEVERS IN AN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION IN WHICH THE PHILIPPINES IS AN OFFICIAL PARTICIPANT ACCORDING TO AN APPROVED SCALE AND POINT SYSTEM.;

(C) FREE MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES AND THERAPEUTIC REHABILITATION IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CENTERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED STANDARDS IN SPORTS MEDICINE AND SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES;”

SEC. 4. A new Section 26 is hereby inserted to read as follows:

“SEC. 26. FUNDING FOR INCENTIVES. - TO FINANCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRANT OF AWARDS AND BENEFITS AND

OTHER INCENTIVES TO INTERNATIONAL SPORTS ACHIEVERS DESERVING RECOGNITION PURSUANT TO SEC. 18 HEREOF, ONE PERCENT (1%) OF GROSS SALES REPRESENTING TEN (10) LOTTO DRAWS PER ANNUM SHALL BE DIRECTLY REMITTED TO THE COMMISSION."

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least one (1) national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,