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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The recently passed RA 9064, which grants monetary and non-monetary incentives to athletes winning in international sports competition sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), is a laudable measure that gives recognition to the country's unsung sports heroes.

However, other athletes who have equally brought pride and honor to our country by winning in other international sports competitions were unfortunately left out in this law, for the simple reason that the wordings of the law excluded them from its coverage.

These athletes are the Filipino "World Cuppers" who raised the rank of Filipino athletes as among the best in the world, by winning and excelling in bowling, billiards, practical shooting and sports fishing, to name a few. These events are not included in the Olympics, Asian, and SEA Games.

This bill seeks to include athletes who compete in equally prestigious international sports competitions to qualify as beneficiaries of the athletes' incentives provided under RA 9046. It is but fair to give these world cup Filipino athletes equal recognition being enjoyed by other athletes as defined in RA 9064.

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AN ACT

EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF INCENTIVES EXTENDED TO NATIONAL ATHLETES AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9064 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 2001", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION I - Section 3 (c) of RA 9064, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. Definition of Terms. - For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- (a) National Athletes xxx
- (b) National Coaches and Trainers -- xxx

(c) International Competitions - shall refer to international sports competition which are sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) AND INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS (ISFs) BEING PARTICIPATED IN BY NO LESS THAN FORTY FIVE (45) COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD or held every four (4) years including qualifying championships in team sports wherein only one (1) or two (2) countries may gualify for the Olympics or World Championships.

Sec. 2. - Section 8 of RA 9064, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 8. Cash Incentives for National Athletes. - National athletes who in gold, silver and bronze medals in international competitions shall be entitled to cash awards in the following amounts:

A. Individual Events

(a) For gold medalists:

(I)xxx

(2) XXX

(3) TWO MILLION PESOS (P2,000,000.00) FOR THE WORLD CUP AND WORLD GAMES;

(4) One million pesos (PI ,000,000.00) for Asian Games; and

(5) One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) for Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games).

(b) For silver medalists:

(1) XXX

(2) xxx

(3) SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P700,000.00) FOR THE WORLD CUP AND WORLD GAMES;

(4) Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) for Asian Games; and

(5) Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) for Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games).

(c) For bronze medalists:

(1) xxx

(2) xxx

(3) TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P250,000.00) FOR THE WORLD CUP AND WORLD GAMES;

(4) One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) for Asian Games; and

(5) Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) for the SEA Games.

Sec. 3. Repealing Clause. - All laws, Presidential Decrees, Issuances, Executive Orders, Letter of Instruction, rules or regulations or any parts thereof inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 4. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,