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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a centralized, integrated, independent and autonomous government body that will oversee the growth and development of sports in the country today.

Section 19 Article XV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.

Despite the State policy and the existence of government agencies mandated to oversee the promotion and development of sports in our country, the state of sports in our country leaves much to be desired. Although there is no shortage of participation in several team and individual sports, the level of competition and competence created at all levels has lagged behind world class standards. Lack of innovative training methods, state-of-the art facilities, and modern equipment continues to undermine the potential of Filipino athletes. This despite the fact that through the early part of the second half of the 20th century, our country was able to produce world-class talent in baseball, football/soccer, basketball, track and field, and swimming among popular sports like Lydia de Vega, Paeng Nepomuceno, Akiko Thompson, Elma Muros, Eric Buhain, among others.

At present, aside from the Philippine Sports Commission created under Republic Act No. 6847 enacted in 1990, there are other organizations that have a direct role in the state of sports in the country today like the Philippine Olympic Committee and thirty eight national sports associations. There is therefore a need to provide a central government agency that will consolidate all efforts, provide direction, and encourage investment in Philippine sports.

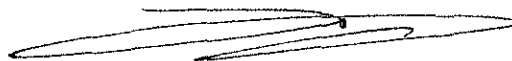
This bill aims to do just that by creating a Philippine Sports Authority with the following mandate:

- (a) Plan, implement, and oversee an integrated sports promotion and development program for the country in coordination with the Philippine Sports Institute, as well as other government agencies, non-government organizations and associations involved in sports;
- (b) Prescribe criteria and standards for the participation of athletes and teams in international competitions;

- (c) Provide technical assistance to regional, provincial, municipal, barangay and school sports promotion and development councils in the conduct and coordination of sports activities within their respective jurisdictions;
- (d) Promote grassroots sports program through regional offices and strengthen the sports club system;
- (e) Assist the proper government agency in the formulation of incentives program for local manufacturers and distributors of sports equipment and supplies based on international standards and quality;
- (f) Coordinate with various government agencies and instrumentalities in the formulation and implementation of their respective sports program based on the policies established in this Act, and to assist these government entities in determining their respective budgets for these programs;
- (g) Conduct promotion and fund-raising campaign programs to realize the policies of this Act in accordance with existing laws;
- (h) Establish and maintain linkages with international sports associations, organizations or sports commissions of other countries;
- (i) Review the construction plans of proposed sports complexes and similar establishments for public use and rationalize or regulate publicly-funded sports complexes; and
- (j) Promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act and periodically plan, formulate, review and evaluate its programs, projects and organizational set-up.

Under this proposed measure, special bureaus are created under the PSA to provide specialized treatment to various facets of sports in the country like the Bureau of Amateur Sports, Bureau of International Sports and the Bureau of Professional Sports. Moreover, there is hereby created a collegiate body to be known as Philippine Sports Institute to provide education and training in accord with international standards to our athletes, coaches and other support groups involved in sports. Finally, the PSA shall have quasi-judicial functions to settle disputes between and among the members of any sector in the sports industry.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

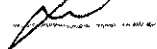


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**AN ACT**

**CREATING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS AUTHORITY TO OVERSEE THE OVER-ALL DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTION AND REGULATION OF SPORTS IN THE PHILIPPINES, DEFINING ITS STRUCTURE, POWERS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** -This Act shall be known as the "Philippine Sports Authority Act."

**SECTION 2. Declaration of State Policies.** -(a) The State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, in order to foster self-discipline, teamwork and excellence among its citizens.

- (a) The State shall guarantee equal access to opportunities for sports participation by all Filipinos, particularly by women and girls, members of indigenous cultural communities, elder citizens and persons with disabilities.
- (b) The State shall preserve the practice of traditional games as valuable component of our cultural heritage, and shall promote aquatic and nature sports as medium for developing among the citizens a genuine concern for the preservation of the environment.
- (c) The State recognizes the role of the media in disseminating information on sports.

**CHAPTER 1**

**THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS AUTHORITY**

**SEC. 3. Nature and Creation of the PSA.** -There is hereby created an integrated, independent and autonomous sports regulatory body with quasi-legislative and quasi-judicial functions, to be known as the Philippine Sports Authority, herein referred to as the PSA. It shall hold its principal office at the Philippines Sports Authority Complex in Metro Manila and shall be attached to the Office of the President for administrative purposes.

**SEC. 4. *Functions.*** –The PSA shall perform the following functions:

- (a) Plan, implement, and oversee an integrated sports promotion and development program for the country in coordination with the Philippine Sports Institute, as well as other government agencies, non-government organizations and associations involved in sports;
- (b) Prescribe criteria and standards for the participation of athletes and teams in international competitions;
- (c) Provide technical assistance to regional, provincial, municipal, barangay and school sports promotion and development councils in the conduct and coordination of sports activities within their respective jurisdictions;
- (d) Promote grassroots sports program through regional offices and strengthen the sports club system;
- (e) Assist the proper government agency in the formulation of incentives program for local manufacturers and distributors of sports equipment and supplies based on international standards and quality;
- (f) Coordinate with various government agencies and instrumentalities in the formulation and implementation of their respective sports program based on the policies established in this Act, and to assist these government entities in determining their respective budgets for these programs;
- (g) Conduct promotion and fund-raising campaign programs to realize the policies of this Act in accordance with existing laws;
- (h) Establish and maintain linkages with international sports associations, organizations or sports commissions of other countries;
- (i) Review the construction plans of proposed sports complexes and similar establishments for public use and rationalize or regulate publicly-funded sports complexes; and
- (j) Promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act and periodically plan, formulate, review and evaluate its programs, projects and organizational set-up.

**SEC. 5. *Structure of the PSA Board.*** –The PSA shall exercise its powers and functions through the PSA Board, which shall be composed of a Chairperson and four members who shall be appointed by the President from a list of nominees provided by duly recognized sports associations and organizations in the Philippines.

**SEC. 6. *Rank, Compensation and Term.*** –The Chairperson and four members of the PSA Board shall have the rank, compensation and emoluments of a Department Secretary and Undersecretary, respectively, and shall serve for a term of seven years without re-appointment. Of the initial appointees, the first two shall have a term of seven years, the next two shall have a term of five years and the fifth appointee shall have a term of three years.

**SEC. 7. *Powers of the PSA Board.*** –The PSA Board shall have the following powers:

- (a) Formulate standards for sports and physical fitness programs, particularly in the grassroots level and sports education curricula in consultation with the Department of Education and Culture, Commission on Higher Education and the Philippine Regulatory Commission;
- (b) Appoint the officers of the PSA and fix their compensation subject to existing laws, rules and regulations;

- (c) Enter into contracts for the acquisition, use, control or disposition of lands, buildings, facilities, equipment, instruments, tools, rights and other personal properties, as well as accept donations, gifts, bequests, and grants on behalf of the PSA;
- (d) Regulate the acquisition, procurement, distribution and use of sportswear, equipment, instruments, tools and other sports gears necessary for the training of athletes;
- (e) Subject to existing laws, confer, extend and grant awards, benefits and privileges to athletes, coaches and officials for outstanding performance in national and international competitions, and grant support to sports associations in good standing with the PSA;
- (f) Confer, extend, grant support or assistance to sports associations which are in good standing with the PSA;
- (g) Accept donations, gifts, bequests, and grants for and in behalf of the PSA; and
- (h) Perform any and all other acts necessary or incidental to the accomplishment of its purposes.

**SEC. 8. *Regular Bureaus.*** -Except as provided under this Act, the Board shall organize bureaus, divisions, and offices in such manner as would best carry out the declared policies and objectives enunciated herein and consistent with the provisions of civil service laws, rules, and regulations.

**SEC. 9. *Special Bureaus.*** -There is hereby created three special bureaus under the PSA to ensure the proper implementation of this Act: (a) the Bureau of Amateur Sports; (b) the Bureau of International Sports; and (c) the Bureau of Professional Sports.

## CHAPTER II

### BUREAU OF AMATEUR SPORTS

**SEC. 10. *Bureau of Amateur Sports*** -The Bureau of Amateur Sports shall be primarily responsible for the promotion and development of amateur sports in the Philippines. The Division of Amateur Sports shall have authority over all matters relative to amateur sports.

**SEC. 11. *Functions.*** -The Bureau of Amateur Sports shall have the following functions:

- (a) Plan, implement and encourage a mass-based sports and physical fitness program for the youth, senior citizens, the disabled and the entire citizenry, through the promotion of a sports club system and of amateur sports in formal and informal setting;
- (b) Promote social and cultural integration through the revival of traditional and indigenous games and sports;
- (c) Identify and nurture sports talents for further development and promote excellence in sports, traditional games and other physical activities;
- (d) Recommend to the PSA the formulation of policies and programs that will foster the development of amateur sports in the grassroots level;
- (e) Impose sanction on any national sports association, institution, association, body, entity, team, athlete and sports official engaged in amateur sports for violation of its policies, rules and regulation;

- (f) Exercise supervisory powers over the national sports associations in connection with their sports promotion and development programs where financial assistance is extended by the PSA; and
- (g) Ensure the implementation by various government departments and agencies of their sports promotion and development programs as indicated in their respective annual budgets.

**SEC. 12. *Divisions under the Bureau of Amateur Sports.*** -To ensure efficiency and specialization, there shall be established two main divisions under the Bureau of Amateur Sports to be headed by deputy directors: (a) the Sectoral Sports Division and (b) the Local and National Sports Competition Division.

**SEC. 13. *Sectoral Sports Division.*** -The Sectoral Sports Division shall have the following functions:

- (a) Formulate and implement (i) a physical fitness testing and evaluation program to determine, monitor and establish a fitness profile of the different sectors of society, and (ii) a developmental program in order to improve and enhance the physical fitness status of the citizens;
- (b) Support the formation of sports clubs in schools, workplaces and communities and the conduct of activities aimed at encouraging the citizens to participate and successfully compete in sports and various physical activities;
- (c) Provide technical assistance to sectoral sports stakeholders;
- (d) Assist the basic, tertiary and technical education sectors in the implementation of their physical education and school sports curricular programs; and
- (e) Develop the criteria for and implement an awards and incentives scheme to encourage mass participation, sustained involvement and excellent performance.

**SEC. 14. *Local and National Sports Competition Division.*** -The Local and National Sports Competition Division shall have the following functions;

- (a) Plan and conduct regular formal and informal sports competitions at the local and national levels;
- (b) Assist public and private educational institutions in the implementation of their intramural sports program and encourage competition activities of sectoral sports clubs;
- (c) Establish and implement a system for identifying and developing athletic talents for inclusion in the Developmental Athletes' Pool; and
- (d) Plan, implement and administer all aspects of the training program and the preparation and participation for international competition of the Developmental athletes' Pool.

### CHAPTER III

#### BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL SPORTS

**SEC. 15. *Establishment of the Bureau of International Sports.*** -A special sports bureau to be known as the Bureau of International Sports is hereby established to promote and ensure successful participation in Olympic and international sports through training and preparation of athletes, coordination and cooperation with

international sports associations and entities, and adequate budgetary funds and resources.

**SEC. 16.** *Divisions Under the Bureau of International Sports.* -The Division of International Sports shall be composed of: (a) the Philippine Olympic Committee and National Sports Association Affairs Division and (b) the International Sports Competition Division.

**SEC. 17.** *Functions of the Philippine Olympic Committee and National Sports Association Division.* -The Philippine Olympic Committee and National Sports Association Affairs Division shall have the following functions:

- (a) Process, facilitate and oversee agreements and transactions conducted between and among the PSA, the Philippine Olympic Committee, National Sports Associations and similar local and international institutions, and ensure their compliance;
- (b) Facilitate all necessary arrangements for the participation of national teams in international competition;
- (c) Develop, prescribe and ensure the observance of criteria and standards for athletes and athletic teams representing the country in international competitions;
- (d) Prescribe the criteria for selecting individuals, associations or clubs entitled to financial or other support to enable their participation in international conferences, seminars, clinics, competitions and similar programs; and
- (e) Establish appropriate linkages with international sports bodies.

**SEC. 18.** *National Sports Associations.* -The PSA may recognize national sports associations organized for the respective sports in the Philippines or affiliated with international federations through a memorandum of agreement after ensuring that their charters, constitution and by-laws, and board resolutions conform with the policies laid down in this Act. An unregistered sports association may be allowed to enjoy the privileges of a duly recognized National Sports Association provided that it complies with the necessary requirements within a non-extendible period not exceeding one year.

Except as otherwise provided, and subject to the policies laid down in this Act, national sports associations recognized by the PSA shall be autonomous and shall have exclusive technical control over the promotion and development of their respective sports activities.

Every National Sports Association shall set its organization and membership in its constitution and by-laws. No team, school club, organization or entity shall be admitted as a voting member of national sports association unless sixty percent (60%) of the athletes composing said team, school club, organization or entity are Filipino citizens. Every NSA shall be required to show record of continuous growth and expansion.

**SEC. 19.** *The International Sports Competition Division.* -The following shall be the functions of the International Sports Competition Division:

- (a) Oversee the preparation and training of the members of the National Athletes' Pool in consultation and cooperation with the Philippine Olympic Committee and the national sports associations concerned;

- (b) Develop, prescribe, and monitor the implementation of criteria for the selection and retention of members of the National Athletes' Pool supported by the PSA;
- (c) Monitor and conduct the time trials and periodic evaluation of members of the National Athletes' Pool;
- (d) Assist in the formulation of national teams for international competitions; and
- (e) Identify and recommend athletes, coaches and international sports participants who may qualify for awards and incentives.

## CHAPTER IV

### BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

**SEC. 20.** *Establishment of the Bureau of Professional Sports.* -There is hereby established a special bureau under the PSA, to be known as the Bureau of Professional Sports, which shall supervise and regulate all professional sports in the Philippines. It shall have two main offices: (a) the Permits and Licensing Division, and (b) the Regulatory and Monitoring Division.

**SEC. 21.** *Powers and Duties of the Bureau of Professional Sports.* -The Bureau of Professional Sports shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) Prescribe rules and regulations on the governance, conduct, and operation of professional sports and activities pursuant to the policies of this Act;
- (b) Enforce the laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations relating to professional sports and activities;
- (c) Approve or disapprove the rules and regulations issued by persons, entities or associations relative to the operation and conduct of professional sports activities;
- (d) Exercise supervision over all officials, employees and persons connected with professional sports;
- (e) Issue licenses or permits to conduct professional sports activities and collect fees for the issuance thereof;
- (f) Suspend or revoke any such licenses or permit for failure to comply with or for violation of any of the provisions of this Act, or any law, executive order, rule or regulation promulgated hereunder;
- (g) Order the temporary suspension of a license or permit issued pursuant to Act or the rules and regulations promulgated, whenever such action is warranted to protect and promote the best interest of the professional sports;
- (h) Order the suspension of any game for violation or non-compliance with the provisions of this Act or the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder;
- (i) Investigate, decide and settle all questions, issues, controversies or disputes involving matters relative to or connected with professional sports, subject to such rules, regulations and procedures as it may deem proper to adopt;
- (j) Accredite coaches and trainers who receive proper training by the Philippine Sports Institute created under this Act or such other institutions of learning or training recognized by the PSA;



- (k) Ensure that recognized and accredited athletes, trainers or coaches are protected from exploitative practices of promoters or similar third party financiers;
- (l) Promulgate the rules and regulations that shall govern the mandatory minimum health and medical requirements of athletes, coaches or trainers and ensure that they receive adequate medical assistance in case of accidents or emergency;
- (m) Ensure the protection of athletes, trainers, coaches, scouts and other persons directly involved therein, from unscrupulous sports promoters, managers and such other persons performing the same functions and vice-versa; and
- (n) Designate the appropriate officer who shall hear and investigate matters pending before it.

**SEC. 22. *Permit.*** -It shall be unlawful for any person, entity or association to conduct professional sports activities without permit duly issued by this Bureau. Every permit issued shall specify the person, entity or association in whose favor it was issued, including the place where and the date when the games are to be held.

**SEC. 23. *License.***-No person, entity or association may employ a player, referee, scorer, timekeeper or any other individual performing duties connected with professional sports, unless such person has been duly licensed by this Bureau. Such license shall be obtained yearly and may be withdrawn or revoked on findings by the Bureau that the licensee is guilty of dishonesty or fraudulent practice or has violated a law, decree, executive order, rule or regulation or professional sports, or for any just cause.

**SEC. 24. *Assignment of Officials.*** -The Bureau of Professional Sports shall assign at each professional sports activity the duly licensed referees, timekeepers, scorers or officers to officiate therein and only the officials so designated shall be authorized to perform their respective functions.

**SEC. 25. *Duty of Person, Entity or Association Conducting the Professional Sports Activity.*** It shall be the duty of the person, entity or association conducting a professional sports activity to ensure that peace and order is maintained in the premises where the sports activity is being conducted and that the rules and regulations governing the same are properly observed.

**SEC. 26. *License Fees and Dues.*** -There shall be collected an amount equivalent to two percent (2%) of the gross returns or income of any promoter, manager, association, athlete coach, trainer, and support group engaged in professional sports, from such activity or profession. Ten percent (10%) of such amount shall be used to defray expenses for regulation. The license fees shall be collected every third month of their respective fiscal year and shall be tax deductible.

**SEC. 27. *Admission Receipts and Other Income.*** -The Bureau of Professional sports shall, through its duly authorized representatives, supervise the sale of admission tickets for any professional sports activity. All tickets, except complimentary tickets, shall state the price, name of person, entity or association conducting the professional sports activity, and indicate the time and date of activity, the names of competing teams or athletes, and ticket classification, whenever possible. No ticket shall be sold for more than the price as printed thereon and any change in ticket prices off the date of the activities shall be subject to prior approval of the Bureau.

Any person, entity or association conducting professional sports activities shall set aside and remit to the PSA, through the Bureau of Professional Sports, five percent (5%) of the gross gate receipts and income from television, radio, and motion picture rights, if any. The amount remitted shall be used to defray the expenses of the Bureau personnel assigned to supervise the activities and the balance, if any, shall be used for the infrastructure projects of the PSA.

**SEC. 28. *Performance Bond.*** -To protect the interest of athletes, coaches, trainers and support groups against unscrupulous individuals, the Bureau of Professional Sports shall require the posting of performance bonds from promoters, managers, professional sports associations as one of the preconditions for the issuance of permits. Such bond shall in no case be more than thirty percent (30%) of the total amount of obligation to be incurred by said persons.

## CHAPTER V

### THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS INSTITUTE

**SEC. 29. *Creation of the Philippine Sports Institute.*** -In order to make available to athletes, coaches, support groups and sports manpower the highest quality of education and training in accord with international standards of performance, there is hereby created an independent self-regulating collegiate body to be known as the Philippine Sports Institute.

**SEC. 30. *Powers and Functions.*** -The following are the powers and functions of the Philippine Sports Institute:

- (a) To serve as the primary planning and research arm of the PSA;
- (b) To train and grant certificates of competency, in coordination with educators in different levels of specialization, through academic graduate degree programs to coaches, trainers, sports managers, referees, umpires, community sports psychologists and sports medicine practitioners;
- (c) To conduct basic and applied research, collate and store relevant data and information about physical education and sports;
- (d) To create avenues for the adoption and utilization of sports science, sports medicine and other scientific work in support of the training and participation of athletes in competitions as well as in the promotion of the general health and physical fitness of the citizenry;
- (e) To establish satellite regional training centers;
- (f) To enter into memorandum of understanding with private schools and colleges or such other arrangements with regard to the optimal use of sports complexes and activities;
- (g) To enter into and engage in a consortium with public and private schools offering degree and non-degree courses in physical education and sports; and
- (h) To establish and maintain linkages with international academic institutions or organizations in order to regularly upgrade sports manpower and improve the training programs and sports curriculum of the Institute.

**SEC. 31. *Housing and Place of Activities.*** -The Philippine Sports Institute shall be housed at the Philippine Sports Institute Complex located in the island of Luzon. The

activities of the Philippine Sports Institute pursuant to this Act may be carried out in satellite regional training centers, in venues pursuant to a consortium with public and private schools, or in such other places as the Philippine Sports Institute may decide.

**SEC. 32. Board of Trustees.** -A Board of Trustees composed of the following shall exercise management of the Philippine Sports Institute:

- (a) The Secretary of the Department of Education and Culture or his representative whose rank shall not be lower than an Undersecretary as *ex-officio* chairman of the PSI Board;
- (b) The Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education or his representative whose rank shall not be lower than a commissioner as *ex-officio* Vice Chairman;
- (c) The Chairman of the Philippine Regulatory Commission or his representative whose rank shall not be lower than a commissioner as *ex-officio* Vice Chairman;
- (d) A representative commissioner from the PSC as member;
- (e) A representative from the academe, particularly in sports education and training as member;
- (f) A representative from the National Sports Associations who specializes in the education and training of sports manpower as member; and
- (g) A representative from a duly recognized professional sports association as member.

The representative of the academe, the National Sports Association and the duly recognized professional sports association shall be appointed by the President for a term of three years, subject for re-appointment for another term. After the expiration of such term, they may continue to exercise their duties until their successors shall be duly appointed and qualified.

**SEC. 33. Per Diem and Allowances.** -the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members of the Board of Trustees shall receive allowances of not less than Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) for every official meeting of the Board actually attended, which amount shall in no case be more than Twenty Four Thousand Pesos (P24,000.00) per month. A member of the Board shall be entitled to allowances for official travel and representation, subject to the rules and regulation of the Commission on Audit.

**SEC. 34. Powers and Functions of the Board of Trustees.** -The Board of Trustees shall exercise the following powers and functions:

- (a) To plan, formulate, implement, and evaluate the curricula of the following degrees and specializations in Physical Education, in coordination with the other academic disciplines, as may be required by their specialization;
  - 1. Masters Degree in Physical Education; and
  - 2. Courses offering certificates such as Certificate in Physical Education or Diploma in Sports.
- (b) To formulate and implement a Provision Development Program which shall directly manage, maintain, preserve and gather data or information relative to the following facilities:

1. Philippine Center for Sports Medicine;
  2. Sports Museum; and
  3. Sports Library and Archives;
- (c) To provide training and accreditation of sports manpower such, as but not limited to the following:
1. Coaches;
  2. Sports medicine specialists;
  3. Sports officiating officials;
  4. Sports Managers;
  5. Community sports leaders; and
  6. Business and/or corporate sports coordinators.
- (d) To extend assistance in the conduct of athletic training, international exchange program and sports distance study program, whenever possible and subject to availability of funds;
- (e) To encourage and promote professional competence and integrity among the members of the sports professions through (1) quality program of instruction; (2) competent and dedication faculty; and (3) civic-minded and socially-oriented students and graduates with high ethical values;
- (f) To provide opportunities for potential athletes to attain certificates, diplomas or degrees of completion in the elementary, high school and college education;
- (g) To appoint professors, instructors, lecturers and other employees of the Institute; fix their compensation, hours of service and such other duties and conditions as it may deem proper; and to admonish, suspend or remove them for cause, after due notice and hearing;
- (h) To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal properties and administer the same for the benefit of the Institute, or of a department thereof, or for aid to any student athlete in accordance with the direction or instruction of the donor, and in default thereof, in such manner as the Board may properly determine;
- (i) To serve as the research and development arm of the PSA Board in the performance of the latter's function of providing guidelines and policies on sports; and with the purposed of the Institute and of this Act.

**SEC. 35. *PSO President, Vice-President and Other Officials.*** -The Board of Trustees shall appoint the President and Vice-President of the Philippines Sports Institute and shall have a rank equivalent to that of the President of a State University or College in the Philippines.

The President and Vice-President must be citizens of the Philippines, at least thirty-five years of age, of good moral character, with more than three years experience in educational administration or in teaching of sports development with professional rank.

The Director for Administration and Finance must be a Filipino, at least thirty years old, of good moral character, a holder of a master's degree in business or public administration, or a certified public accountant, a civil service eligible, and with at least one year experience in any academic institution.

The Dean for Academic Affairs must be a Filipino, at least thirty years old, of good moral character, a civil service eligible, with at least three years' experience in educational administration or a physical education professor with the rank of an associate professor.

## CHAPTER VI

### QUASI-JUDICIAL POWERS

**SEC. 36. *Jurisdiction of the PSA.***-The PSA, through the Legal Office of the Secretariat, shall have exclusive and original jurisdiction over the following:

- (a) Administrative complaints lodged against a PSA official or employee relative to the performance of his or her duties;
- (b) Disputes involving any of the PSA offices or its personnel relative to the enforcement of sports regulation; and
- (c) Disputes between and among members of a sector or various sectors in the sports industry, as may be provided in this Act.

## CHAPTER VII

### TRANSITORY AND FINAL PROVISIONS

**SEC. 37. *Integration of the Philippine Sports Commission.*** -Philippine Sports Commission created and established under Republic Act 6847 shall be integrated with PSA on or before December 31, 2000. All power, functions, duties and responsibilities of the Philippine Sports Commission not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall continue to be exercised and performed by the PSA. Forthwith, the Philippine Sports Commission shall conduct an inventory of its assets and liabilities, and shall turn over the same together with the inventory to the PSA.

All programs, contracts and projects of the Philippine Sports Commission which are inconsistent with the policies and provisions of this Act shall be terminated on or before December 31, 2000; *Provided*, that contracts, programs and projects which cannot be unilaterally terminated shall remain in force and effect, by the Philippine Sports Commission and the PSA shall negotiate for the rescission of the contract or termination of the project or program for a period earlier than what has been previously agreed upon.

**SEC. 38. *Reassignment of Powers and Functions of the Games and Amusement Board Relative to Professional Sports Activities to the PSA.*** -All powers and functions of the Games and Amusement Board relative to professional sports and professional sports activities, including all the assets and liabilities of the said Board pertaining to professional sports shall be reassigned to the PSA on or before December 31, 2000.

**SEC. 39. *Absorption and Benefits of Dislodged Officers and Employees.*** -The officers and employees of the Philippine Sports Commission, the Bureau of Physical Education and School Sports and the Games and Amusement Board shall be absorbed to such

extent as may be administratively feasibly, by the pertinent office or division of the PSA assigned to perform the task previously exercised by the office or bureau to which such officers or employees belong: *Provided*, That officers or employees who have been employed in the abolished offices for the past three consecutive years shall have the right to choose between retirement, separation pay and absorption by the PSA: *Provided*, *Further*, That nothing herein shall be construed to prevent a qualified and officer or employee who opted for an early retirement or separation pay from seeking reemployment: *Provided*, *Finally*, That officers and employees who cannot be absorbed by the PSA shall be entitled to such benefits accorded to separated or retrenched government employees, as may be provided by existing laws.

**SEC. 40. *Establishment of Regional Offices.***—The PSA Board shall establish Regional Offices in every region and province offices that shall be the base of a nationwide grassroots sports program.

**SEC. 41. *Institution of the National Sports Week.*** —From the Year 2000 onwards, every last week of January shall be established as the “Philippine National Sports Week.”

**SEC. 42. *Establishment of Sports Park.*** —Every local government unit, in cooperation with their local sports associations, private corporations and other non-government organizations is hereby encouraged to set aside a certain portion of its territory for the establishment of a local sports park that shall serve as venue for local and other sports activities.

**SEC. 43. *Presidential Land Grant.*** —The provisions of any existing law to the contrary notwithstanding, the president may upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, grant by donation, sale, lease or otherwise, to the PSA portions of the land of the public domain as may be necessary for the establishment of regional training centers in all regions of the country and for the accomplishment of any of its purposes.

**SEC. 44. *Funding.*** —The amount of One Hundred Million Pesos (P100,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the initial calendar year of the PSA. All funds and appropriations being currently afforded to the abolished offices shall be realigned to the budget of the PSA, the deficit, if any, shall be covered by the annual appropriations passed by Congress: *Provided*, That the operating expenses for the PSA shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the annual appropriations and at least eighty percent (80%) shall be disbursed for the national sports programs and identification, recruitment and training of athletes for various international games and competitions.

To finance the country's integrated sports development program, including the holding of national games and international events or competitions, thirty percent (30%) representing the charity fund of the proceeds of twenty (20) sweepstakes or lottery draws per annum, whichever is higher, taxes on horse races during special holidays, five percent (5%) of the gross income of the Philippine Amusements and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), the proceeds from the sales of stamps as hereinafter provided, and three percent (3%) collected on imported athletic equipment shall be automatically remitted directly to the PSA together with the rental income derived from the use of sports facilities under the Commission's control and administration to constitute as its National Sports Development Fund. Further, the Philippine Postal Service Office is hereby authorized to print paper and gold stamps that will depict

sports events and such other motif as the Philippine Postal Service Office may decide at the expense of the PSA.

**SEC. 45. *Reportorial Requirements.*** - The PSA Chairman shall report to Congress the developments relative to the implementation of this Act every third week of July.

**SEC. 46. *Repealing Clause.*** -Republic Act No. 6847 and Presidential Decree No. 815 are hereby repealed. Such other laws, issuances, proclamations, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 47. *Separability Clause.*** If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions hereof.

**SEC. 48. *Effectivity.*** -This Act shall take effect upon its approval and completion in at least two national newspapers of general circulation.

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