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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act 6847, otherwise known as the Philippine Sports Commission Act.


The 2006 South East Asian (SEA) Games held in Manila, where the Philippines emerged the overall champion, and the Asian Games held in Doha, Qatar showcased the skills of our Filipino athletes and resulted in numerous medals. It is no exaggeration to say that the Pinoy athlete is at par with our Asian neighbors. There is no doubt that this victory brings pride and joy to our country. There is therefore a need to provide better funding, better training and incentives to our players so that they will be better prepared for the next games. With this thought in mind, we propose the following amendments.

Through the following amendments, the functions of the Philippine Sports Commission, the National Sports Associations and the Philippine Olympic Committee shall be more delineated and clear, funding of several sports activities will be more defined, and the officers shall be better insulated from politics because of the proposed safeguards, ensuring more efficient service to the athletes. In so doing, the policy of the State in promoting physical education, encouraging and sustaining the development of sports in the country to foster physical fitness, self discipline, teamwork and excellence in this field shall be attained.

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2 **AN ACT**  
3 **AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 6847, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE**  
4 **PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION ACT"**

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6 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the*  
7 *Philippines in Congress assembled:*  
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9 Section 1. Section 5 of Republic Act 6847, otherwise known as "The  
10 Philippine Sports Commission shall be amended to read as follows:

11 Section 5. *Nature of the Commission.* The  
12 Commission shall exercise corporate powers. x x x  
13 Provided, That in the case of the school sports  
14 development program, the same shall be formulated  
15 and implemented by the Department of Education  
16 [,Culture and Sports] with the assistance of the  
17 Commission x x x.  
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19 Sec. 2. Section 7 of R.A. 6847 shall be amended to read as  
20 follows:

21 Section 7. *Functions of the Commission.* The  
22 Commission shall have the following functions:

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24 (a) Plan, implement and oversee an integrated  
25 amateur sports promotion and development program  
26 for the country, [including the program for the program  
27 for the Decade of Physical Fitness and Sports: 1990-  
28 2000, pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 496,]  
29 in coordination x x x, the National Sports  
30 Associations, THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS  
31 ASSOCIATION FOR THE DIFFERENTLY-ABLED  
32 (PHILSPADA), the public and x x x  
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(j) Recommend and propose to the Department of Education[, Culture and Sports], Department of THE INTERIOR AND Local Government x x x

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(l) x x x

(m) Encourage, promote and x x x Department of Education, [Culture and Sports], Department of THE INTERIOR AND Local Government, x x x

(n) x x x

Sec. 3. Section 8 of R.A. 6847 shall be amended to read as

follows:

Section 8. *Composition of the Commission.*  
The Commission shall be composed of a Chairman and four (4) Commissioners, all of whom shall be appointed by the President UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (POC).

Sec. 4. There shall be another section between Section 8 and

Section 9 of R. A. 6847 to be denominated as SECTION 8-A to read as

follows:

SECTION 8-A. *TERM OF OFFICE.* THE CHAIRMAN AND THE FOUR (4) COMMISSIONERS SHALL HAVE A FIXED TERM OF SIX (6) YEARS. PROVIDED, UPON APPROVAL OF THIS ACT, THE CHAIRMAN AND THE TWO (2) COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF SIX (6) YEARS AND THE OTHER TWO (2) COMMISSIONERS SHALL SERVE A FIXED TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS. THE PRESIDENT, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE POC, MAY RE-APPOINT THE INCUMBENT CHAIRMAN AND THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TERMS HEREIN PROVIDED. IN CASE OF VACANCY, BY DEATH, RESIGNATION OR ANY DISABILITY WHICH WOULD RENDER ANY COMMISSIONER INEFFECTIVE TO DISCHARGE HIS OR HER FUNCTIONS, THE NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER SHALL SERVE ONLY THE UNEXPIRED PORTION OF THE TERM.

Sec. 5. Section 14 of R.A. 6847 shall be amended to read as

follows:

1           Section 15. *Executive Director.* There shall be  
2 an Executive Director who shall be appointed or  
3 designated as such by the Chairman, preferably from  
4 among the four Commissioners x x x. PROVIDED,  
5 THAT, IF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS NOT A  
6 COMMISSIONER, THE TERM OF OFFICE SHALL  
7 BE CO-TERMINOUS WITH THE CHAIRMAN. The  
8 Executive Director shall have supervision x x x. The  
9 Deputy Executive Director shall be appointed by the  
10 Chairman WHO SHALL LIKEWISE BE CO-  
11 TERMINOUS WITH THE CHAIRMAN.  
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13           Sec. 6. Section 19 of R.A. 6847 shall be amended to read as

14 follows:

15           Section 19. *Tax Exemption of the*  
16 *Commission.-* The Commission shall be exempted  
17 from the payment of customs duties, taxes and tariffs  
18 x x x including those donated to the Commission,  
19 which are of international sports standard not  
20 available from local manufacturers [and only in such  
21 numbers] as may be required  
22 x x x shall also be exempt from the payment of  
23 customs duties, taxes and tariffs. THE PHILIPPINE  
24 OLYMPIC COMMITTEE AND THE NATIONAL  
25 SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS MAY DIRECTLY IMPORT  
26 SPORTSWEAR, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES,  
27 INSTRUMENTS AND OTHER SPORTS-RELATED  
28 MATERIALS. SAID IMPORTATION SHALL BE  
29 EXEMPTED FROM PAYMENT OF CUSTOMS  
30 DUTIES, TAXES AND TARIFFS, *PROVIDED*, THAT  
31 THE PSC SHALL CERTIFY THE NEED FOR SUCH  
32 IMPORTATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
33 SPORTS. *PROVIDED FURTHER*, THAT SAID  
34 SPORTSWEAR, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES,  
35 INSTRUMENTS AND OTHER SPORTS-RELATED  
36 MATERIALS SHALL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY BY  
37 THE ATHLETES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
38 SPORTS AND SHALL NOT BE SOLD TO PRIVATE  
39 ENTITIES.  
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41           Sec. 7. Section 26 of R.A 6847 shall be amended to read as  
42 follows:

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44           Section 26. *Funding.* In order to provide the  
45 necessary funds required for the organizational and  
46 initial x x x recruitment and training of athletes in pre-  
47 regional, regional, national and international  
48 competitions [including the implementation of the  
49 Decade of Physical Fitness and Sports: 1990-2000].  
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51           To finance the country's x x x representing the  
52 charity fund of the proceeds of six (6) [sweepstakes  
53 or] lottery draws per annum, taxes on horse races  
54 [during special holidays] FROM TEN (10) RACING  
55 DAYS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE PHILIPPINE  
56 RACING COMMISSION AND THE PSC, five percent  
57 (5%) of the gross income BEFORE TAXES of the  
58 Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation, the

1 proceeds from the sale of stamps as hereinafter  
2 provided [and three percent (3%) of all the taxes  
3 collected on imported athletic equipment] shall be  
4 automatically x x x  
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6 *Sec. 8. Repealing Clause.* All laws, presidential decrees, executive  
7 orders, presidential proclamation, rules and regulations or parts thereof  
8 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly. If  
9 any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not  
10 affect the validity of the other provisions hereof.  
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12 *Sec. 9. Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect after fifteen  
13 (15) days following its approval and publication in at least two (2) national  
14 newspapers of circulation.  
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16 Approved,