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ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE OF SPORTS, DEFINING ITS
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Many notable Filipinos have excelled in various sports, such as boxing, basketball, golf, tennis, taekwondo, and swimming to name a few. Despite this, however, the Philippine is still considered a laggard in world sports, not having won a single gold medal in the Olympic Games since the country started to participate in the Games.

Part of the reason why the Philippines does not have a strong sports program is the lack of access to quality training facilities, especially in the provinces. There is also a general lack of knowledge in the field of sports science, which leads to outdated training methods, and poor nutritional planning for our athletes.

This bill shall create the Philippine Institute for Sports, an agency attached to the Philippine Sports Commission, for the purpose of establishing training centers throughout the country, maintaining resource centers for sports science and related information, and improving the sporting culture of the country overall.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Philippine Institute of Sports Act of 2019.”

Sec 2. *Declaration of Policy.* = The State shall promote excellence in sports through focused scientific training throughout a progressive sports development scheme beginning from intensified grassroots sports up to high performance sports programs.

The State shall ensure that our athletes will be highly competitive at the international level and the country shall be a sports power at least at the regional level.

Sec. 3. *Creation of Philippine Institute of Sports.* – To carry out the above policy, an attached agency of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) to be known as “Philippine Institute of Sports” and hereinafter referred to as the “Institute” is hereby created and established.

The Institute shall establish regional training centers in every region of the country for the purpose of ensuring the accessibility of its programs by athletes from

all over the Philippines. The Institute shall ensure that all regional training centers established are sufficiently equipped to achieve the objectives as set out in Section 3 of this Act.

Sec. 4. Objectives of the Institute. – The objectives of the Institute are:

- a. To formulate a comprehensive training program of athletes, including but not limited to decentralizing the training centers;
- b. To optimize the participation of all sectors, government and private, in the development of athletes beginning at the grassroots level; and
- c. To lead in the developing and nurturing of a sporting culture.

Sec. 5. Functions of the Institute. – The Institute shall have the following functions:

- a. Establish linkages with various sports institutes, sports academies, and bodies, government and private, whose main objective is the scientific training of athletes;
- b. Establish training centers in every region;
- c. Coordinate and provide personnel and equipment, and offer subsidies to sports academies created by law;
- d. Maintain an information, resource, and reference center for sports science medicine and sports technology;
- e. To structure and determine the sports science and sports medicine components of grassroots sports programs;
- f. Plan and implement a scientific training program of athletes for various levels of competition;

- g. Collaborate with Local Government Units (LGUs), government entities, public and private educational institutions, and national sports associations in identifying potential athletes;
- h. To provide and conduct necessary medical examination, rehabilitation, and treatment of injuries of athletes and coaches;
- i. Supervise sports science techniques in any program of athlete preparation and to provide necessary technical support therefor;
- j. To examine, test, and assess the competency of coaches and athletes with respect to the relevant skills and techniques in sports science;
- k. To gather, manage, and disseminate information and maintain records of all relevant matters relating to the scientific aspects of the performance of athletes;
- l. Formulate coaches' certification program jointly with the National Sports Associations;
- m. To facilitate and conduct training in sports and sports medicine jointly or in affiliation, association, or collaboration with any Government entity, public or private higher educational institution, sports body or organization;
- n. To carry out and coordinate research, development, and innovation activities in the field of sports science, sports medicine, and allied fields;
- o. To formulate, review, and recommend scientific methods and measures that enhance the performance of athletes;
- p. To provide scientific advisory, consultancy, and related services in sports science and sports medicine; and

- q. To conduct nationwide courses and training programs in the field of sports science and sports medicine.

Sec. 6. *Power of the Institute.* – The Institute has the power to do all acts and things necessary to be done in connection with the performance of its functions, upon approval of the board, such as, but not limited to the following:

- a. To implement a training program for the development of the athletes and their preparation for international competitions in coordination with sports associations accredited by PSC;
- b. To provide inputs to the PSC Board of Commissioners in their consideration of the respective budgets of the national sports associations;
- c. To accredit and regulate the private sports academies;
- d. To accept donations, gifts, bequests and grants for the purposes of the Institute; and
- e. To perform any and other acts incident to or required by virtue of its creation.

Sec. 7. *Head of the Institute.* – There shall be a National Training Director who shall be appointed as such by the Chairman of the PSC and shall direct and control the operations of the Institute. He shall be co-terminus with the appointing authority. The National Training Director shall be at least twenty-five (25) years of age, of good moral character, a college graduate, and has at least five (5) years experience in sports science, sports medicine, or allied fields. He shall have a rank equal to that of the Executive Director of the PSC.

Sec. 8. *Board of Directors.* – There shall be a Board of Directors that will govern and approve the performance of the Institute's functions. The Board is composed of the following:

- a. Chairman of the PSC, who shall serve as the Chairperson;
- b. Secretary of Education or representative;
- c. Secretary of Health or representative;
- d. Representative from the athletes' associations;
- e. Representative from the coaches' associations;
- f. Representative from the academe (sports-related fields).

The National Training Director shall act as the Secretary of the Board and assist the Board in its functions.

All government officials that are members of the board shall act as *ex-officio* members.

The representatives from athletes' associations, coaches associations, and from the academe shall be appointed by the PSC Chairman, upon recommendation of the National Training Director from a list of three nominees who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields. The representatives' term of office shall be co-terminus with the National Training Director.

Sec. 9. Appropriations. – In order to provide the necessary funds for the organizational and initial calendar year of the operational expenditures of the Institute, the amount of Three Hundred Million Philippine Pesos (Php 300,000,000.00) shall be drawn from the National Sports Development Fund of the PSC.

The annual budget of the Institute shall continue to be drawn from the National Sports Development Fund of the PSC. Any deficiency in the financial requirements of the Institute shall be covered by an allocation passed by Congress.

Sec. 10. *Tax Exemption.* - The Institute shall be exempt from the payment of real estate tax and any other form of taxes or duties on its properties. It shall also be exempt from documentary stamp tax and amusement tax.

Sec. 11. *Tax Deduction or Exemption of Donations and Contributions.* - All donations and contributions to the Institute in connection with its fund-raising projects and continuing training programs and preparation of athletes for international competitions shall be exempt from the donor's taxes, and shall be deductible in full in the computation of the taxable income of the donor.

Sec. 12. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The PSC, Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) shall promulgate, not later than thirty (30) days upon effectivity of this Act, the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

Sec. 13. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 14. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are contrary to and inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Sec. 15. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication either in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,