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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Pursuant to Sec. 17, Article II of the Philippine Constitution, it is a policy of the state to give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

To give life to this constitutional policy, the author aims to enact a measure that will promote athleticism among the youth sector in the entire province of Masbate.

In fine, this bill seeks to establish Masbate Sports Academy which will serve as the primary sports development and training center for the entire province of Masbate and its neighboring towns, strengthening sports culture among the youth and become the focal point where sports training is rolled out as a holistic program. The creation of the Masbate Sports Academy will enhance the skills of Masbateño athletes to prepare them for world-class competition. In addition, the academy will also train coaches and instructors to ensure the continuity of top-notch athletes who will contribute to our nations success in the field of sports.

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


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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE MASBATE SPORTS ACADEMY IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF CATAINGAN, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AND 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. There shall be established in the Municipality of Cataingan, Province of Masbate, a sports academy to be known as the “Masbate Sports Academy”, which shall be the primary sports development and training center for the whole province of Masbate and the neighboring towns thereat.

SEC. 2. The Province of Masbate, in coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), shall take the necessary steps to upgrade, improve and modernize existing facilities, equipment and personnel, and integrate them into the newly created sports academy and training center.

The Provincial Government of Masbate in coordination with the PSC, shall create the necessary training programs and competitions, as well as the system by which the facilities shall be maintained and managed in order to accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Act.

SEC. 3. The construction, establishment and operation of the Masbate Sports Academy shall be funded by the Provincial Government of Masbate and such funds as may be granted by the PSC or by the Office of the President. In addition, grants and endowments may be obtained from local or foreign sources intended for sports development.

SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* — The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department’s programs the operation of the Masbate Sports Academy, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* — The PSC, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepED), the Provincial Government of Masbate and the government of the Municipality of Cataingan, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act within ninety (90) days after its enactment into law.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,