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House Bill No. 0203

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

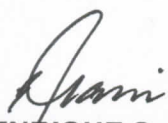
Sports is an avenue for citizen engagement that has been recognized by the 1987 constitution as an important ingredient for national development. Article XIV Section 19 mandates the state to "promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry."

It is imperative, then, that the state should provide adequate facilities and support to citizens who have shown potential and willingness to contribute to the development of the country's sporting initiatives.

With significant efforts already taken to support the holistic development of our people, we believe that the Province of Bataan is one of the localities best suited to support this need.

Recognizing the Province's potential, this bill aims to create a sports training center in the capital city of Bataan Province, the City of Balanga. The sports training center will serve as a modern training facility for both professional and amateur athletes not just in Bataan, but in the neighboring provinces as well. By establishing this sports training center, we will produce more athletes we can be proud of, not only within Bataan and Central Luzon, but in the country as a whole.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BATAAN SPORTS TRAINING CENTER TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BALANGA, PROVINCE OF BATAAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

3 **Section 1.** There shall be established in the City of Balanga, Province of Bataan, a sports
4 training center to be known as the "Bataan Sports Training Center" which shall be constituted
5 as the primary sports training center for the whole Province of Bataan and the neighboring
6 provinces thereat.

7 **Section 2.** The Provincial Government of Bataan, in coordination with the Philippine Sports
8 Commission (PSC), shall take the necessary steps to upgrade, improve and modernize existing
9 facilities, equipment and personnel, and integrate them into the newly created sports training
10 center.

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

15 **Section 3.** The construction, establishment and operation of the Bataan Sports Training
16 Center shall be funded by the PSC and such funds as may be granted by the Office of the
17 President. In addition, grants and endowments may be obtained from local or foreign sources
18 intended for sports development.

1 **Section 4.** The Chairman of the PSC shall immediately include in the Commission's program
2 the necessary funding requirements of the Bataan Sports Training Center.

3 **Section 5.** The PSC, in coordination with the Provincial Government of Bataan and the City
4 Government of Balanga, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the
5 implementation of this Act within ninety (90) days after its enactment into law.

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

8 **Approved**