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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Sports has been an integral aspect in Filipino culture. At an early age, sports teach the youth about discipline, teamwork and, hard work among others. Sometimes, roads are turned into a basketball court, or some sort of ground for physical activities. Sundays are reserved for gatherings, watching our most-awaited boxing matches with friends and family. More than sweat and movement, sports has been an avenue which cultivates bond among individuals and establishes one's virtues and morals.

As early as 1924, The Philippines began competing in the Olympics. We managed to win 10 medals but none was a gold; we had our chances in that much coveted medal. In 1964, featherweight boxer Anthony Villanueva won the silver after losing a disputed split decision to Russia's Stanislav Stepashkin in Tokyo. In the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, light flyweight boxer Manseuto "Onyok" Velasco settled for a silver after losing to Bulgaria's Daniel Bozhilov Petrov and weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz took second place in the women's 53-kilogram division at the 2016 Rio Games. However, no Filipino athlete has ever won a gold medal.

Through the creation of a National Academy of Sports for High School in the City of Baybay, we can foster young athletes in both the Central and Eastern Visayas Region and equip them of making a mark in Philippine sports history. Through this effort focused on the youth, we are able to provide them with an avenue to pursue their dreams and keep them away from vices, allowing them to be the best person they can be in our society. With this, this humble representation earnestly seeks for the passage of this Bill.

Respectfully submitted.


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AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE CITY OF BAYBAY, LEYTE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND OTHER PURPOSES

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 “**National Academy of Sports for High School Students Act**”.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. Towards this end, the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry. The State shall provide adequate training for students with athletic abilities for competitive sports to foster the holistic development of the youth and to prepare the students for a long-term career in sports development.

SECTION 3. CREATION OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. - There shall hereby be created the National Academy of Sports for High School Students, hereinafter referred to as the Academy, in the City of Baybay in the Province of Leyte.

SECTION 4. MANDATE. - The Academy shall be the primary policy, planning, coordinating, implementing, and administrative entity of the Executive Branch of the government that will plan, develop, and promote the national sports development programs for high school students.

SECTION 5. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS. - The Academy shall exercise the following powers and functions:

I. Policy and Planning

- (a) Formulate, recommend and implement national policies, plans, programs and guidelines that will promote the development and harness the potential of our high school students with due consideration for the country's welfare and success;
- (b) Formulate policies and initiatives, in regard with the National Development Program for Sports, in collaboration with the Department of Education;
- (c) Provide an integrated framework and programs in order to optimize the potential of our high school students;
- (d) Prescribe rules and regulations for the establishment, operation and maintenance of the Academy resources and programs; and
- (e) Establish Sports programs and facilities that will be accessible to the general public;



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II. Resource-Sharing and Capacity-Building

- (a) Harmonize and coordinate all sports programs, plans and initiatives to ensure opportunities and maximum development of our sports academy;
- (b) Assist and provide technical expertise to government agencies in the development of guidelines in the enforcement and administration of laws, standards, rules, and regulations governing the Academy;
- (c) Assess, review and support sports related research and development programs of the government in coordination with the appropriate government agencies and other institutions concerned;
- (d) Prescribe the personnel qualifications and other qualification standards essential to the effective development and operation of Academy;
- (e) Develop programs that would enhance the career advancement opportunities of the Academy and other personnel;
- (f) Assist in the dissemination of vital information essential to disaster risk reduction and preparedness through its activities;
- (g) Represent and negotiate for Philippine interest on matters pertaining to the sports academy in international bodies, in coordination with the appropriate government agencies and other institutions concerned;
- (h) Establish guidelines for public-private partnerships in the implementation of sports programs for development; and
- (i) Promote strategic partnerships and alliances between and among local and international sports body and/or competitor, for he researches and development, educational and training institutions, to enhance competitiveness of all personnel.

SECTION 6. COMPOSITION. - The Academy shall be headed by the President. The Academy proper shall be composed of the Office of the President, the Offices of the Vice President for Internal and External Affairs.

SECTION 7. PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMY. - The President of the Academy shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines. The President of the Academy shall have the following functions:

- (a) Establish policies and standards for the effective, efficient and economical operation of the Academy, in accordance with the programs of government;
- (b) Review and approve requests for financial and manpower resources of all operating offices of the Academy;
- (c) Provide executive direction and supervision over the entire operations of the Academy and its attached agencies.

SECTION 8. VICE PRESIDENT - The President shall be assisted by two (2) Vice Presidents, who shall be appointed by the President of the Republic upon the recommendation of the President of the Academy:

Provided, that they shall be career officers.

Provided, further, that at least one (1) of the Vice President shall be a person publicly recognized in the field of Sports Academe.

SECTION 9. QUALIFICATIONS — No person shall be appointed President and Vice President, of the Academy unless he or she is a citizen and resident of the Philippines, of good moral character, of proven integrity and with at least seven (7) years of competence and expertise in the field of Sports and at least thirty (30) years of age.



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SECTION 10. REGIONAL OFFICES - The Academy may establish, operate, and maintain a regional office in the different administrative regions of the country as the need arises.

Each regional office shall be headed by a Regional Director who may be assisted by one (1) Assistant Regional Director.

The Regional Director and Assistant Regional Director shall be appointed by the President of the Republic.

The Regional Offices shall have, within their respective administrative regions, the following functions:

- (a) Implement laws, policies, plans, programs, projects, rules and regulations of the Academy;
- (b) Provide efficient and effective service to the people;
- (c) Coordinate with regional offices of other departments, offices, and agencies;
- (d) Coordinate with the LGUs; and
- (e) Perform such other functions as may be provided by law or assigned by President of the Academy.

SECTION 11. SECTORAL AND INDUSTRY TASK FORCES - The Academy may create sectoral and industry", task forces, technical working groups, advisory bodies or committees for the furtherance of its objectives.

Additional private sector representatives, such as from the academe, civil society organizations (CSOs), and federation of private industries directly involved in the Sports academe, as well as representatives of other National Government Agencies (NGAs).

Local Government Units (LGUs) and Government Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) may be appointed to these working groups.

Government sports professionals may also be tapped to partake work in the Academy through, these working groups.

SECTION 12. SEPARATION AND RETIREMENT OF SERVICE - Employees who are separated from service within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act as a result of the consolidation and/or reorganization under the provisions of this Act shall receive separation benefits to which they may be entitled under Executive Order No. 366, s. 2004:

Provided, that those who are qualified to retire under existing requirement laws shall be allowed to retire and receive retirement benefits to which they may be entitled under applicable laws and issuances.

SECTION 13. STRUCTURE AND STAFFING PATTERN - Subject to the approval of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the Academy shall determine its organizational structure and create new divisions or units as it may deem necessary, and shall appoint officers and employees of the. Academy in accordance with the civil service law, rules, and regulations.



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SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - The amount needed for the initial implementation of this Act shall be One Billion Pesos (1,000,000,000.00) taken from the National Treasury.

Thereafter, the amount needed for the operation and maintenance of the Department shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA), the year after the enactment of this Act, and thereafter.

SECTION 15. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The Academy shall issue within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act the necessary rules and regulation for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 16. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. — If any provision or part hereof is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 17. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 18. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED,