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HOUSE BILL NO. 261



Introduced by Hon. Josephine Y. Ramirez Sato

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Sports is important in the holistic development of people and individuals. It is crucial in learning leadership and sportsmanship, and is a good cultivator of an individual's tenacity and sense of responsibility. Moreover, it helps in building the physical, emotional and mental strength of the youth and children who will be the future leaders of the country.

Paragraph 1, Section 19 of Article XI of the 1987 Constitution explicitly provides, that "the State shall 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."

In order to promote Sports, it is essential to provide the people, especially our athletes, with decent facilities that will help in honing their skills and produce world class athletes who bring glory and honor to our country by showcasing impeccable skills.

The purpose of this Act is to expand the Government's commitment to our athletes and other potential athletes, particularly those in the Province of Occidental Mindoro, by giving them easy access to proper venue, better equipment, and appropriate training programs that will further enhance their competence.

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



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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OCCIDENTAL MINDORO SPORTS ACADEMY AND
TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE IN THE PROVINCE OF
OCCIDENTAL MINDORO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the municipality of San Jose, Province of Occidental Mindoro, a sports academy and training center to be known as the "Occidental Mindoro Sports Academy and Training Center". It shall be located in the Municipality of San Jose, and constituted as the primary sports development and training center for the whole Province of Occidental Mindoro and the neighboring towns.

SECTION 2. The Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro, in coordination with the Municipal Government of San Jose, and the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), shall take the necessary steps to integrate existing sports facilities, equipment and personnel, in the province, into the newly created sports training center.

The Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro, in coordination with the Municipal Government of San Jose, and the PSC, shall create necessary training programs, appropriate tournaments 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.

SECTION 3. The construction, establishment and operation of the "Occidental Mindoro Sports Academy and Training Center" shall be funded by the Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro, the Municipal Government of San Jose, and with such funds as may be granted by the PSC and by the Office of the President. In addition, grants and endowments intended for sports development may be obtained from local or foreign sources.

SECTION 4. The Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro, in coordination with the Municipal Government of San Jose, and the PSC, and other concerned stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act within ninety (90) days after its enactment into law.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,