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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

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HOUSE BILL NO. _____

INTRODUCED BY REP. ISAGANI S. AMATONG

3rd District, Zamboanga del Norte

EXPLANATORY NOTE

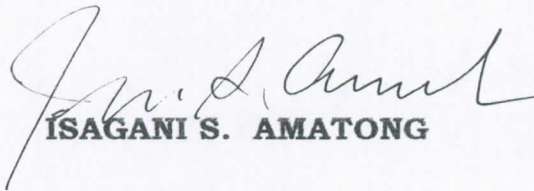
Paragraph 1, Section 19 of Article XI of the 1987 Constitution explicitly provides, that "the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions to foster self-discipline, teamwork and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry."

The establishment of Zamboanga del Norte Sports Academy in Panganuran, Gotalac, Zamboanga del Norte is a grassroots sports development program of the province for young athletes who have exhibited the potential and dedication to excel but remained untapped due to lack of sports facilities, training programs, policies and coaches to hone their skills and talents. Many of them who are in the countryside cannot participate in national and local competitions by reason of poverty. The exposure they can get in actual competitions is a boost to their confidence. Also, the younger generations who are engaged in sports will be spared from the ill effects of vices and other counter-productive addictions.

Admittedly, our country still lags in terms of facilities and sports program in the world arena. Scientific approach in sports is a common practice. With the perennial problem in physical conditioning, agility and mental toughness which can only be attained through gradual and regular practice, the tasks of having a competitive pool of athletes remain a big challenge. The Zamboanga del Norte Sports Academy will adapt a sports program that puts premium to training, discipline, hardwork and scientific details of any sports events at par with

other countries. This in-house facility will then serve as the critical breeding ground for future champion athletes in national and international competitions that will be our source of national pride.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



ISAGANI S. AMATONG

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2663

Introduced by Representative Isagani S. Amatong

AN ACT

**ESTABLISHING THE ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE SPORTS ACADEMY
AND TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUTALAC,
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established in the Municipality of Gutalac,
2 Province of Zamboanga del Norte, a sports academy and training center to be
3 known as the "Zamboanga del Norte Sports Academy and Training Center",
4 which shall be constituted as the primary sports development and training
5 center for the Province of Zamboanga del Norte and the neighboring
6 municipalities as well.

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

1 The Provincial Government of Zamboanga Del Norte and the Municipal
2 Government of Gutalac, in coordination with the PSC, shall create the
3 necessary training programs and competitions, as well as the system by which
4 the facilities shall be maintained and managed in order to accomplish the
5 objectives and purpose of this Act.

6 **SEC.3.** The construction, establishment and operation of the Zamboanga
7 del Norte Sports Academy and Training Center shall be funded by the
8 Provincial Government of Zamboanga Del Norte and the Municipal Government
9 of Gutalac, and such funds as may be granted by the PSC and by the Office of
10 the President. In addition, grants and endowments intended for sports
11 development may be obtained from local and foreign sources.

12 **SEC. 4.** The PSC, in coordination with the Department of Education
13 (DepEd), the Provincial Government of Zamboanga del Norte, the Municipal
14 Government of Gutalac, and other concerned stakeholders, shall promulgate
15 the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act within
16 ninety (90) days after its enactment into law.

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

19 *Approved,*