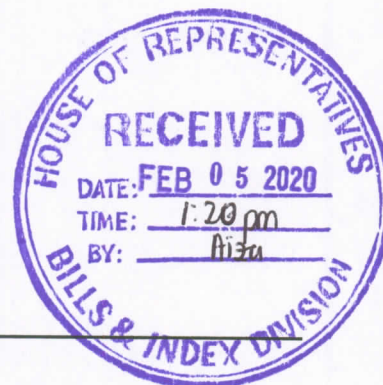


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 218

Submitted by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development on FEB 05 2020

Re: House Bill No. 6192

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill Number 3860

Sponsors: Representatives Eric M. Martinez, Tyrone D. Agabas and
Angelo Marcos Barba

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Youth and Sports Development to which was referred House Bill No. 3860 introduced by Rep. Tyrone D. Agabas, entitled:

**AN ACT
PRESERVING THE INDIGENOUS GAMES OF THE PHILIPPINES**

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 6192, entitled:

**AN ACT
PRESERVING THE INDIGENOUS GAMES OF THE PHILIPPINES**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3860 with Representatives Tyrone D. Agabas, Angelo Marcos Barba, Eric M. Martinez, Alberto "Bobby" D. Pacquiao, Divina Grace C. Yu, Kristine Alexie B. Tutor, Jose "Bong" J. Teves Jr, Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III, Anthony Peter "Onyx" Crisologo, Sarah Jane I. Elago, Carl Nicolas Cari, and Rodante D. Marcoleta as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

REP. ERIC M. MARTINEZ

Chairperson

Committee on Youth and Sports Development

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(In substitution of House Bill No. 3860)

Introduced by Representatives Tyrone D. Agabas, Angelo Marcos Barba, Eric M. Martinez, Alberto "Bobby" D. Pacquiao, Divina Grace C. Yu, Kristine Alexie B. Tutor, Jose "Bong" J. Teves Jr, Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III, Anthony Peter "Onyx" Crisologo, Sarah Jane I. Elago, Carl Nicolas Cari, and Rodante D. Marcoleta

AN ACT
PRESERVING THE INDIGENOUS GAMES OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "*Philippine Indigenous Games*
2 *Preservation Act*".

3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – Article II, Section 22 of the Constitution provides that the
4 State shall recognize and promote the rights of indigenous cultural communities within the
5 framework of national unity and development. Furthermore, Article 31.1 of the United Nations
6 Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples enjoins all State signatories to take effective
7 measures to recognize and to protect the exercise of the indigenous peoples' rights which include
8 the maintenance, control, and development of their cultural heritage, traditional knowledge and
9 traditional expression, oral traditions, literatures, designs, sports and traditional games, among
10 others.

11 Pursuant to the aforesaid mandates, it is incumbent upon the State to lay down specific policy
12 directives to promote the interest of our indigenous peoples, and strengthen our cultural heritage
13 and historical roots. The State shall take the necessary steps to preserve the indigenous peoples'
14 games which serve as the best avenue for their self-expression, and for promoting peace, harmony,
15 goodwill and camaraderie among them.

16 **SEC. 3. Indigenous Games.** – The term "indigenous games" refer to the traditional sports
17 and games or activities inherent to the different indigenous cultural communities that reflect the rich

cultural heritage, traditions or customs handed down from generation to generation such as tribal archery, blowpipe, sibat, dug-out canoe race, rock balancing, *sumpit*, *sungka*, *kadang-kadang* and other games distinct to the indigenous communities.

SEC. 4. Annual Regional and National Indigenous Games. – The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), in coordination with the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) and the local government units (LGUs), shall conduct annual regional and national indigenous sports competitions.

The host LGU, in consultation with the concerned indigenous cultural communities, shall have the prerogative to choose which sports shall be included in the regional and national indigenous sports competitions.

SEC. 5. Other Means of Preserving the Indigenous Games. – The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP), the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF), in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA), shall initiate measures to preserve indigenous games in the country, such as the inclusion of games as part of the curriculum in the basic and higher education system of schools, the production of documentary or other useful means, and the conduct of regular demonstration of such games in the *Palarong Pambansa* and in other national sports events, and in appropriate school activities.

The NCCA shall likewise conduct research on the various sports traditionally played by different indigenous groups to ensure their preservation and development.

SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The PSC and the POC as the lead agencies, in coordination with the NCCA, NCIP, DepEd, CHED, PIA, and LGUs, shall promulgate the rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act within sixty (60) days after its effectivity.

SEC. 7. Separability Clause. – If any part or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. Repealing Clause. – All laws, executive orders, issuances, decrees, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 9. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

1-23-20

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 6192

(In substitution of House Bill No. 3860)

(Approved by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development on December 17, 2019)

Philippine Indigenous Games Preservation

Introduced by: Representatives Tyrone D. Agabas, Angelo Marcos Barba, Eric M. Martinez, Alberto "Bobby" D. Pacquiao, Divina Grace C. Yu, Kristine Alexie B. Tutor, Jose "Bong" J. Teves Jr, Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III, Anthony Peter "Onyx" Crisologo, Sarah Jane I. Elago, Carl Nicolas Cari, and Rodante D. Marcoleta

Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON YOUTH & SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson: Rep. Eric M. Martinez

OBJECTIVE:

- To preserve the rich cultural heritage of Filipino indigenous peoples and promote the significance of traditional games in uplifting the well-being especially of the youth.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Includes traditional sports and games such as tribal archery, blowpipe, javelin, dug-out canoe race, rock balancing, *sumpit*, *sungka* and *kadang-kadang*;
- Mandates the Philippine Sports Commission, in coordination with the Philippine Olympic Committee, and the local government units to conduct annual regional and national indigenous sports competitions;
- Directs the Department of Education and Commission on Higher Education to include indigenous games as part of the curriculum in the basic and higher education system;
- Requires the inclusion of indigenous games as regular demonstration sports in the *Palarong Pambansa* and in other national sports events; and
- Grants the host local government unit, in consultation with the indigenous cultural communities, the prerogative to choose the sports events to be played during the regional and national indigenous sports competitions.

RELATED LAWS:

Republic Act No. 6847 (Philippine Sports Commission Act of 1990)

Republic Act No. 10588 (Palarong Pambansa Act of 2013)

Republic Act No. 10533 (Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013)