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HOUSE BILL NO. 5808



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article II, Section 17, provides:

The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

Part of building a nation is creating a sense of nationalism and patriotism. Young people in the country must have a sense of belongingness and be proud to be part of the nation. Sports can be a vehicle in enticing the youth towards altruistic feelings to its country. Promoting a sports national team is a means of nation building.

The young promising athletes are the future of the nation's sports program. The possibility of competing in the higher stages such as the Olympics is possible. As such, there is a need to train and develop our athletes at the earliest stages of their exposure to certain sports and at a very young age. There is also a need to assist the young athletes by giving them financial incentives thus helping their development.

It is imperative for the nations sports program to start by helping our young athletes to develop and hone their skills.

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


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AN ACT
ASSISTING YOUNG ATHLETES BY PROVIDING PROGRAMS AND
INCENTIVES FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Young Athletes Assistance Act.”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policies and Objectives.* – Pursuant to the Constitution, Article II, Section 17, the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

In addition to this Article XIV, Section 19, paragraph I 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.

SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* – For the purposes of this Act, the term:

- (a) “Athletic Program” refers to an athletic program at any education institution, sports club, or from the local or national government; and
- (b) “Young Athlete” refers to any person who engages in sports and is below eighteen (18) years of age.

SECTION 4. *Get Started, Get Going and Get Playing Funds.* – Three separate funds for the strengthening of the grassroots sports programs are hereby created to be administered by the Philippines Sports Commission.

SECTION 5. *Get Started in Sports Fund.* – This assists young athletes who can at least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club. Young athletes shall be provided with a voucher of up to Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00) to help pay for

participation fees. The vouchers can be redeemed at a sport or recreation club registered with the program.

SECTION 6. *Get Going Fund.* – This fund supports local sports and recreation organizations with funding of up to Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) for projects that create opportunities for more young athletes to become members.

SECTION 7. *Get Playing Fund.* – This fund improves sports facilities by providing up to Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) in funding to assist local sports and recreation organizations with facility development so more young athletes are encouraged to become involved in the sport and recreation activity of their choice.

SECTION 8. *Funding Requirements.* – The amount of Eighty Million Pesos (P80,000,000.00) shall be set aside from the revenues of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation annually to be allocated for the funding of this Act.

SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions thereof.

SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or portion thereof, which is inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,