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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The state of sports development in the country has been neglected for the past years. We have dated sports facilities, if not rundown, such as the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex (RMSC), which was built more than eight decades ago, and the PhilSports Arena, which is now 40 years old.

In 2013, the Commission on Audit has noted the decaying state of the RMSC citing several defective and damaged sports equipment and facilities that pose security risks particularly to our athletes and coaches. In addition, the area surrounding the RMSC is highly saturated with gambling spots, night bars and shopping centers rendering the same less than ideal for optimal elite athlete training.

Our Southeast Asian neighbors, on the other hand, have been funding the construction of impressive stadiums and training centers. In the previous decade alone, Vietnam built a \$53-million national training center and with plans to build more by 2020. Singapore upgraded all their sports facilities when they hosted the Olympic Youth Games 2010. Thailand has numerous sports complexes all over the country, while Malaysia has its grand Bukit Jalil National Stadium, and Brunei its majestic Hassal Bolkiah National Stadium. In preparation for the SEA Games in 2014, Myanmar built new stadiums, including Wunna Theikidi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw, training centers and dormitories for its athletes.

All of our remarkable and excellent athletes and coaches deserve adequate support, especially those competing overseas against foreign athletes who have been primed using modern state-of-the-art training facilities in their respective countries. This measure seeks to establish a Philippine Amateur Sports Training Center as the new, functional, and much-needed venue for training at par with international standards. This, in turn, will result to their improved performance and better results in all sports competitions. Undeniably, the establishment of the Philippine Amateur Sports Training Center will not only give a tremendous boost to the morale of our national athletes, but also instill national pride and foster patriotism among the Filipino people. However, it must be emphasized that existing training centers, such as the RMSC and the PhilSports Arena be maintained for other sports development program purposes.

This bill, taken together with the other measures addressing sports advancement, shall provide an integrated grassroots to elite sports development platform intended to provide our athletes a long-term and sustainable state support to perform well and represent our country with pride and honor. Truly, this bill is an investment of belief and confidence in the Filipino athletes as they carry the torch for our country.

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

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AN ACT
CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A STATE-OF-THE-ART AND HIGHLY SCIENTIFIC
SPORTS COMPLEX KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE AMATEUR SPORTS TRAINING
CENTER, AND FUNDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, CONSTRUCTION OF
FACILITIES, INCLUDING ITS ADMINISTRATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGEMENT,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

*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 Amateur Sports Training***
2 ***Center Act.***"
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4 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** As stated under the Article XIV, Section 19 of the Philippine
5 Constitution, the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs,
6 league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to
7 foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert
8 citizenry. To further this policy, the State shall establish and construct state-of-the-art and highly
9 scientific sports complex.
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11 **SEC. 3. *Creation and Establishment of the Philippine Amateur Sports Training Center.***
12 There is hereby created and established a state-of the-art and highly scientific sports complex to
13 be known as the Philippine Amateur Sports Training Center.
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15 After a period of planning not exceeding six (6) months upon effectivity of this Act, the
16 necessary sports facilities and amenities, which are at par with international standards, shall be
17 constructed within a period of eighteen (18) months in a location suitable and conducive to high-
18 level training of athletes, coaches and referees, and preferably located in the outskirts of the
19 metropolis free from moral obstruction, noise and air pollution.
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21 **SEC. 4. *Objectives and Purposes of the Philippine Amateur Sports Training Center.*** The
22 objectives and purposes of the Philippine Amateur Sports Training Center are as follows:
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- 24 a) As the country's national sports training institution, the Center is tasked to contribute to
25 sports science and research development;
- 26 b) It shall serve as the official home and venue of expert coaching for training and
27 development of the athletes in the National Team included in the list of sports
28 contemplated therein, through the use of sound scientific principles and programs,
29 proven training techniques and state-of-the-art equipment and facilities that are at par
30 with international standards;
- 31 c) The Center will also cater to the training and enhancement coaches and referees;
- 32 d) It may be used to accommodate venues for local competitions, if necessary; and,
- 33 e) It shall be used for any other purpose inherent and incidental for the purposes for which
34 it was created.
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36 **SEC. 5. *Sports, Facilities and Amenities.*** The Center shall include the following training
37 facilities and amenities:
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- 39 a) Administration Building
- 40 b) Athletes' Dormitory
- 41 c) Archery Range

- d) Baseball Field
- e) Beach Volleyball Courts
- f) BMX Track
- g) Conference/ Seminar Hall
- h) Covered Swimming & Diving Pool
- i) Football Field
- j) Lawnballs and Petanque Field
- k) Multi-purpose Gymnasium
- l) Rugby Pitch
- m) Skeet and Trap Range
- n) Softball Field
- o) Track and Field Oval
- p) Tennis Courts
- q) Velodrome
- r) Villas for Coaches and Guests
- s) Sports Science Building
- t) Mess Hall
- u) Recreation Hall (AV Room)
- v) Library
- w) Weight Training Building
- x) School Building

The Center shall cater to the sports training and development program of 46 National Athletes in the following non-water based sports:

- a) Archery
- b) Athletics
- c) Badminton
- d) Baseball
- e) Basketball
- f) Beach Volleyball
- g) Bowling
- h) Contacts Sports (Taekwondo, Karate, Judo, Wrestling)
- i) Cycling (Velodrome)
- j) Dance Sport
- k) Football
- l) Gymnastics
- m) Handball
- n) Lawn Tennis
- o) Sepak Takraw
- p) Shooting
- q) Softball
- r) Squash
- s) Swimming
- t) Table Tennis
- u) Volleyball
- v) Wall Climbing
- w) Water Polo
- x) Weightlifting

Any other sports, not listed above, shall be made part of the Center's sports training and development program, as deemed significant and necessary by the Philippine Sports Commission.

SEC. 6. Ownership, Administration, Management, Operation and Maintenance of the Center. The ownership of the property over which the sports facilities and amenities of the Center will be established is hereby vested to the PSC, an agency of the government in charge of promoting and developing amateur sports in the country.

Upon completion of the construction of sports facilities and amenities of the Center, the PSC is likewise vested with authority to administer, manage, operate and maintain the same including but not limited to administration of incidental income, security of the complex, assignment of personnel to manage and operate the complex; provided, that the PSC shall employ professional and highly-skilled managers with long and vast experience in sports administration

and management to ensure the maintenance and upkeep of the Center and its facilities and other amenities.

SEC. 7. Board of Trustees. The exercise of the powers of the Center is hereby vested exclusively in the Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board, and shall serve from the period of planning of the Center. The Board shall cease to exist within six (6) months upon completion of the entire Center and its facilities.

The Board shall be composed of the following:

- a) Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) – Chairman
- b) Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) – Co-Chairman
- c) Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) – Member
- d) City Mayor – Member
- e) Provincial Governor – Member
- f) Department of Budget and Management (DBM) – Member

The Board shall convene immediately upon effectivity of this Act to discuss and decide on the following matters and concerns:

- 1) Determine the specific location of the Center;
- 2) Acquisition of property and transfer of title to PSC;
- 3) Site development, planning and design of facilities;
- 4) Ensure compliance with proper public bidding process under Republic Act 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act;
- 5) Ensure that facilities and structures conform to the Building Code of the Philippines and other pertinent laws as well as international standards;
- 6) Ensure that appropriate funds are available to implement and complete the Center;
- 7) Ensure that acceptable safety and security standards are met; and
- 8) Ensure efficiency in the completion of the Center and within the 24-month period stated herein.

SEC. 8. Assistance by the Government Entities. The PSC may call upon any government agency for assistance in the acquisition, including transfer of Title over the property where the Center will be located, in planning and site development of the property, in the management of the facilities that shall ensure its proper maintenance and safeguard the National Athletes, coaches and staff in the Center, as well as, in the implementation of its training and skills program in the Center.

SEC. 9. Funding. For the construction of the Center, the amount of TWO BILLION PESOS (₱2,000,000,000.00), is hereby appropriated and shall be made available from the savings of the National Treasury. Thereafter, the amount of FIFTY FIVE MILLION (₱55,000,000.00), shall be appropriated to finance the maintenance, operation and management of the Center, in addition to the general fund allocated for the Maintenance and Operating Expenses (MOOE) of the PSC under the General Appropriations Act. Likewise, all incidental income that may be derived by the PSC in its management and operation shall form part of the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF), which shall be used solely for the maintenance, operation, and management of the Center.

SEC. 10. Tax Exemptions. The Center shall be exempt from payment of all taxes, fees, assessments and other charges of the Government, its branches and subdivisions, payment of real estate tax, stamp tax, amusement tax, income tax, and/or any other form of taxes on the properties. It shall likewise be exempt from the payment of customs duties, taxes and tariffs on the importation of equipment and supplies, including those donated to the Center; *Provided*, That these are required in the development of various training of the athletes, coaches and referees, and are of international standards and are not readily available from local manufacturers.

SEC. 11. Tax Deduction or Exemption of Donations and Contributions. All legacies, gifts and donations for the benefit of the Center, or for its support and maintenance, or for aid to any of its athletes, coaches and referees shall be tax-exempt and shall be an allowable deduction from the gross-income of the donors.

1 **SEC. 12. *Separability Clause.*** If any provision or part of this Act, or the application thereof to
2 any person or circumstances, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining sections of this
3 Act or the application of such provision or part hereof to other persons or circumstance shall
4 remain in full force and effect.

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6 **SEC. 13. *Repealing Clause.*** All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or
7 parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or
8 modified accordingly.

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10 **SEC. 14. *Effectivity Clause.*** This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication
11 in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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13 Approved,