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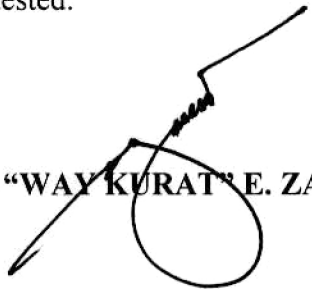
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Too often, we hear pitiful stories of former Filipino star athletes who once blazed their way to immortality in international competitions only to succumb as preys to poverty and obscurity in old age. Not only do they die in rags, they also perish unrecognized of the honor they brought the country--an ironic twist to their lives made legendary by the glitter of medals and trophies they amassed in the past.

It is in this light that this proposal is being put forward to duly recognize the sacrifices and efforts of old Filipino sporting icons by providing them ample financial support and incentives when they retire from their sporting events. That way, we not only honor them for the pride they showered the Filipino people but also reward them of their achievements and ensure their financial security during their twilight years.

This bill proposes the provision of a monthly pension pay to all Filipino athletes who, in the past, copped medals in the Olympic Games and won world titles or championships in duly recognized international professional sporting competitions. The measure will also reinforce the provisions of Republic Act No. 9064.

This bill 's approval is most respectfully requested.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE PENSION PAY OF FILIPINO AMATEUR ATHLETES WHO
HAVE WON MEDALS IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES AND PROFESSIONAL FILIPINO
ATHLETES WHO HAVE WON WORLD TITLES OR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN DULY
RECOGNIZED AND SANCTIONED PROFESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL SPORTING
COMPETITIONS

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

SECTION 1. Amateur Filipino athletes who have won medals in the Olympic Games shall receive the following pension pay:

- a. Individual athletes who have won gold medals in the Olympic Games shall receive a lifetime pension pay of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000) monthly upon reaching the age of fifty (50).
- b. Individual athletes who have won silver medals in the Olympic Games shall receive a lifetime pension pay of Four Thousand Pesos (P4,000) monthly upon reaching the age of fifty (50).
- c. Individual athletes who have won bronze medals in the Olympic Games shall receive a lifetime pension pay of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000) monthly upon reaching the age of fifty (50).
- d. Each member of a team that won a gold medal in the Olympic Games shall receive a lifetime pension pay of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000) monthly upon reaching the age of fifty (50).
- e. Each member of a team that won silver medal in the Olympic Games shall receive a lifetime pension pay of Four Thousand Pesos (P4,000) monthly upon reaching the age of fifty (50).
- f. Each member of a team that won bronze medal in the Olympic Games shall receive a lifetime pension pay of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000) monthly upon reaching the age of fifty (50).

SEC. 2. Professional Filipino athletes who have won individual or team world titles or championships in all international sporting events duly sanctioned by recognized international sporting organizations and bodies shall receive the following financial incentives:

- a. Any individual who won world title/s or championship/s shall receive a lifetime pension pay of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000) monthly upon reaching the age of fifty (50).
- b. Each member of a team that won a world title or championship in any team sporting event shall receive a lifetime pension pay of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000) monthly upon reaching the age of fifty (50).

SEC. 3. If the amateur athlete who won a medal in the Olympic Games turned professional and copped a world title or championship in so doing, he/she will be entitled to a lifetime monthly pension pay of P7,000 upon reaching the age of fifty (50).

SEC 4. The effectivity of this Act shall retroact to all living amateur and professional Filipino athletes who have won medals in the Olympic Games and/or have won world titles or championships.

SEC. 5. The pension pay due to an athlete as contained in this Act shall be separate and shall not, in any way, affect the payment of other pension benefits due him/her by working either with the public or private sector.

SEC. 6. The Support Services Division of the Philippine Sports Commission shall be the implementing office of this Act.

SEC. 7. The funds necessary for the implementation of this act shall be charged against the current General Appropriations Act and thereafter upon its enactment into law.

SEC. 8. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuances, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,