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Introduced by Representative **Imee R. Marcos**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines soared high during the recently concluded 23rd South East Asian Games (SEA Games) garnering 113 gold, 84 silver, and 94 bronze medals. Amid the country's celebration, however, are hearsays on the irregularities which allegedly happened during the aforementioned international sports competition. Moreover, several remarks have been made on the poor performance of Filipino athletes in the Olympics, in comparison with the South East Asian Game hosted by the Philippines. Suffice it to say, a great number of people still have some reservations on the skills of the members of our national teams.

In consonance with the policy of the State to encourage and sustain the development of sports in the country, this author seeks to recommend improvements to the charter of the Philippine Sports Commission. The authority and responsibility of the Philippine Sports Commission to select trainees and athletes as members of our national teams is emphasized, directing it to submit rules and regulations which shall govern the selection of trainees, athletes and coaches, and the training regimen and procedures which they must observe. Furthermore, the Philippine Sports Commission is given the power to discredit national sports association who act in violation of the state policy on sports development by a vote of majority of all its members present during the deliberations.

It is hoped by this Author that through the amendments introduced in this bill, the selection and training process presently employed by the Philippine Sports Commission and national sports associations will undergo some upgrading and developments for the benefit of our athletes and ultimately for the glory and honor of our country, Philippines.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.

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**AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6847, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION ACT"**

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

SECTION 1. Section 11, paragraph (m) of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(m) To impose sanctions upon any national sports association, institution, association, body, entity, team, athlete and sports official for violation of its policies, rules and regulations. **IN CONSONANCE WITH ITS SUPERVISORY POWERS SHALL, BY MAJORITY VOTE OF ALL ITS MEMBERS PRESENT, HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO WITHDRAW RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATION, FOR VIOLATION(S) OF ITS POLICIES, RULES AND REGULATIONS;**

SECTION 2. Section 11, paragraph (i) of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(i) To select the athletes, coaches and other officials for their national teams taking into consideration not only their athletic abilities but also for their discipline, moral character, aptitude and attitude. **FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE COMMISSION SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE QUALIFICATIONS AND SELECTION OF ATHLETES, COACHES AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE NATIONAL TEAMS;**

SECTION 3. Section 11, paragraph (l) of Republic Act No. 6847 shall be re-numbered as paragraph (m) and another paragraph shall be inserted as paragraph (l) which shall read as follows:

(l) TO PREPARE RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH SHALL GOVERN THE TRAINING PROGRAMS AND OTHER PROCEDURES IN PREPARATION

**FOR SPORTS COMPETITIONS TO BE OBSERVED BY ATHLETES AND
TRAINEES, COACHES AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE NATIONAL TEAMS;
AND**

SECTION 4. Section 13 of Republic Act No. 6847 shall be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 13. *National Sports Associations.* – National sports associations, organized for their respective sports in the Philippines and/or affiliated with their respective international federations which are recognized by the International Olympic Committee, are recognized as such by the Commission.

The national sports association recognized by the Commission shall be autonomous and shall have exclusive technical control over the promotion and development of the particular sport for which they are organized, subject however to the supervisory, (ADD COMMA) and (DELETE) visitorial and **DISCIPLINARY** powers of the Commission, as provided in Section 11, paragraphs (j) **AND (m)** hereof.

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SECTION 5. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its approval and publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,