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House Bill No. 1578

Introduced by Representatives
DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL ARROYO and GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO

AN ACT
EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF INCENTIVES EXTENDED TO
NATIONAL ATHLETES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9064,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL ATHLETES,
COACHES AND TRAINERS BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT
OF 2001", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 9064 or "The Sports Benefits and Incentives Act of 2001" was passed into law with the aim of extending monetary and non-monetary incentives to our national athletes who earn medals in international sports competitions sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Republic Act No. 9064 was seen as a landmark piece of legislation that gave our unsung sports heroes the recognition they rightfully deserved.

In recent years, however, there have been a handful of other athletes who have equally brought pride and honor to our country by winning in other international sports competitions sanctioned by bodies other than the International Olympic Committee. Unfortunately, these athletes do not enjoy the benefits provided in Republic Act No. 9064 since they are excluded from its coverage.

This Bill seeks to correct this by amending the provisions of Republic Act No. 9064 to include within its purview athletes who compete in equally

prestigious international sports competitions that are sanctioned by other international sports organizations or federations. The amendment to the present law is necessary to ensure that all national athletes are treated and considered equally regardless of the competitions they compete in.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the expeditious passage of this proposed measure is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. Section 3 (c) of RA 9064, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. *Definition of Terms.* – For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

(a) National Athletes - xxx

(b) National Coaches and Trainers – xxx

(c) International Competitions - shall refer to international sports competition which are sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) **AND/OR INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS (ISFs) PARTICIPATED IN BY NOT LESS THAN FORTY FIVE (45) COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE** or held every four (4) years including qualifying championships in team sports wherein

only one (1) or two (2) countries may qualify for the Olympics or World Championships.

SECTION 2. Section 8 of RA 9064, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 8. *Cash Incentives for National Athletes.* – National athletes who win gold, silver and bronze medals in international competitions shall be entitled to cash awards in the following amounts:

A. Individual Events

(a) For gold medalists:

(1) xxx

(2) xxx

(3) TWO MILLION PESOS (P2,000,000.00) FOR THE WORLD CUP AND WORLD GAMES;

(4) One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Asian Games; and

(5) One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) for Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games).

(b) For silver medalists:

(1) xxx

(2) xxx

(3) SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P700,000.00) FOR THE WORLD CUP AND WORLD GAMES;

(4) Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) for Asian Games; and

(5) Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) for Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games).

(c) For bronze medalists:

(1) xxx

(2) xxx

(3) TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P250,000.00) FOR THE WORLD CUP AND WORLD GAMES;

(4) One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) for Asian Games; and

(5) Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) for the SEA Games.

SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, Presidential Decrees, Issuances, Executive Orders, Letter of Instruction, rules or regulations or any parts thereof inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,