

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
House Bill No. 3681

Introduced by Representative Ben P. Evardone

EXPLANATORY NOTE

We never had it so good in the global arena of sports.

Who would ever imagine that a Sarangani-born, unorthodox southpaw would emerge in our memory to erase beyond recognition the exploits of then folk legend Gabriel "Flash" Elorde or the legendary Pancho Villa?

Who would ever think that a Filipino boxer would live to attain an unprecedented eight world boxing titles in as many weight categories?

No. Not even the man himself who now represents the lone district of Sarangani province in the House of Representatives has the slightest idea that what he had achieved in the ring was humanly possible.

The world-acclaimed Ring Magazine fittingly dubbed him the greatest fighter pound-for-pound and no less than TIME Magazine had listed him among the world's most influential persons in 2009.

And with his recent devastation of Mexican fighter Antonio Margarito, what could be the most fitting tribute the nation can give to its own son than to perpetuate his legacy not only for the succeeding generations of Filipinos but to all mankind as well by establishing a system of reward and recognition for the world's deserving athletes in his honor.

Dubbed as the Nobel Peace Prize in Sports, the Manny Pacquiao Lifetime Achievement Award is not only aimed at cementing the unequalled lifetime ring exploits of the Sarangani lawmaker but also carving out for the country a global niche that would never be forgotten in the annals of mankind.

Imagine golf legends Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods, basketball's Michael Jordan, Formula One racer Michael Schumacher, cyclist Lance Armstrong, boxer Muhammad Ali, tennis

superstar Roger Federer, chess legend Gary Kasparov among others coming together to stand in the same platform with our very own boxing icon Pacquiao.

That would be a sporting coup that has never happened in the annals of sports.

Furthermore, the country has always been scrambling to give away cash rewards or incentives for Filipino athletes who have won honor for the country in the international arena of sports.

With this bill, all forms of rewards and incentives due our deserving athletes will be rationalized and the process institutionalized to end the agony of scrounging for funds time-after-time just to be able to give something to our triumphant athletes.



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AN ACT
TO ESTABLISH THE "MANNY PACQUIAO LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD",
CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE FOR SPORTS
EXCELLENCE (PISE), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known and cited as the "Manny Pacquiao Lifetime Achievement Award Act of 2010."

Section 2. Objectives. – It shall be the objective of this Act to:

- a. Perpetuate the legacy of our very own boxing icon Emmanuel "Manny" Pacquiao;
- b. Carve a niche for the country in the international arena of sports by being the host nation to an unequalled sporting recognition to the greatest athletes of all time;
- c. To give the highest honor the Philippine Government can bestow on individuals who have excelled in the international arena of sports;
- d. To institutionalize a system of international recognition for the best athletes who ever lived on the planet;
- e. To form a government institution that would foster the promotion and development of elite Filipino athletes;
- f. To establish Emmanuel "Manny" Pacquiao as a Filipino icon and patriot worthy of emulation by all generation of Filipinos.

Section 3. Scope and Frequency of the Award. – The award shall be global in scope to be given every two years covering active and retired athletes who have excelled in any internationally recognized and sanctioned field of sports.

Section 4. The Philippine Institute for Sports Excellence; Creation, Structure, Term of Office. —There is hereby created an institution to be called "Philippine Institute for Sports Excellence" or PISE, governed by a Body which shall be composed of a Chairman and five (5) members including the Chairman of the Philippine Sports Commission, the Chairman of the Games and Amusement Board, the Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education who shall act in an ex-officio capacity, and two (2) regular representatives: one (1) regular representative from an accredited Non-Government Organization (NGO) or Sports Association whose primary purpose is the promotion and development of athletes in an recognized and sanctioned field of national sport and one (1) regular representative who must have been or is an athlete in a recognized and sanctioned field of sports. The Chairman and the two (2) regular representatives shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines and shall serve for a period of three (3) years, and may be reappointed for another period of three (3) years.

Section 5. Qualifications of the Chairman and two (2) regular representatives. — The Chairman and two (2) regular representatives shall be resident Filipino citizens, at least thirty-five (35) years of age, of good moral character, and must have been or is an athlete in a recognized and sanctioned national sport: Provided that, a person who has, by substantial evidence, been shown to have a derogatory record on his person, whether the act or omission constituting such derogatory record is committed here or abroad, cannot be appointed Chairman or regular representative.

Section 6. Powers and functions of the Philippine Institute for Sports Excellence. --- The Philippine Institute for Sports Excellence, acting through the Body where there is a quorum of at least four (4) members in a meeting duly called for the purpose in accordance with the internal rules of government enacted by such Body, shall exercise the following powers and functions:

- (a.) To formulate rules and guidelines as well as the criteria to be used in the nomination and selection of awardees in accordance with the objectives of this Act;
- (b.) To provide reasonable incentives, recognition and awards to deserving athletes;
- (c.) To formulate plans, programs and projects intended as assistance for active and retired but deserving Filipino national athletes who have triumphed in their specific field of sports and brought honor to our country;
- (d.) To give donations, gifts, bequests, grants to deserving Filipino national athletes; and/or accept donations, gifts, bequests, grants and hold fundraising activities for purposes of this Act;
- (e.) To manage the funds received or raised for the purposes of this Act;
- (f.) To formulate rules and regulations for the internal government of the Body and the Institution;

(g.) To fix just and reasonable salaries of the Chairman, the two (2) regular members, the Executive Director and the three (3) staff personnel, emoluments, honoraria of ex-officio members, and other benefits; and

(h.) To perform such other functions as may be necessary for the accomplishment of the objectives of this Act.

Section 7. The Executive Director. --- There is hereby created an Office of the Executive Director, the occupant of which shall be called "Executive Director", who must be a resident Filipino citizen of good moral character without derogatory record and a former or current athlete who has excelled in a recognized and sanctioned national sport, to be appointed by the President, upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the institution and at least three (3) members thereof. The Executive Director shall serve in a co-terminous capacity with the Chairman; provided that, the reappointment of the Chairman shall not be construed as an automatic reappointment of the Executive Director.

Section 8. Duties and Functions of the Executive Director.—The Executive Director, with the assistance of three (3) staff personnel serving in a co-terminous capacity with the Executive Director and appointed by the Chairman upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, shall perform the following duties and functions:

(a.) Manage and direct the executive functions and activities of the institution, including the implementation of rules and regulations promulgated by the Body, and implementation of the objectives, policies, plans, programs and projects of the institution which have been approved by the Body;

(b.) Propose policies and standards to the Body in relation to the effective, efficient, and economical operations of the Institution, and coordination with other agencies of the Government for the accomplishment of the objectives of this Act;

(c.) Act as Secretariat in the meetings of the Body and keep the records of such meeting;

(d.) Accept pertinent papers, documents submitted to it by nominees and/or beneficiaries or their duly authorized representatives, and keep a record of them;

(e.) Make correspondences and representations before any person or office whenever authorized by the Body for the accomplishment of the objectives of this Act;

(f.) Perform such other duties and functions which the Body may, from time to time, be assign to him for the effective and efficient support of the Institution.

Section 9. Independence of the Philippine Institute for Sports Excellence. — The Institute shall be an independent body attached to the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) for program policy coordination purposes only.

Section 10. Appropriation. – Initial funding of One Hundred Million Pesos (PhP100,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated to be taken from the unappropriated but available fund of the Government and to be utilized in the first two years of implementation of this Act. Thereafter, an amount not exceeding Thirty Million Pesos (PhP30,000,000.00) shall annually be automatically allocated for in the General Appropriations Act until such time that the Institute shall have become financially stable and self-sufficient.

Section 11. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 12. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 13. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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