

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila**

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House Bill No. 5505



**INTRODUCED BY HON. CATALINA "LINA" CABRERA-BAGASINA
Association of Laborers and Employees (ALE) Party-list**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish the country's contribution to the world of boxing as the new "boxing capital of the world".

The Philippines has a proud boxing history, its forefathers having started to throw jabs and straights even before 1900. The country is one, if not the most prolific producer of world-class fighters in Asia. The global ring's first glance at the Filipino fighting stance was through the legendary Pancho Villa, who did not disappoint. He raised his country's flag to become one of the first Asian boxing sensations. Filipino boxers have not stopped conquering the boxing world since. After decades of reaping titles, the country has now more than 40 boxing champions and the future of the sport in the country looks even brighter with the recent win of the world's best boxing champion Manny Pacquiao.

Emmanuel "Manny" Dapidran Pacquiao is a world class professional boxer. He is the first eight-division world champion; having won six world titles, as well as the first to win the lineal championship in four different weight classes. He was named "Fighter of the Decade" for the 2000s by the Boxing Writers Association of America (BWAA). He is also a three-time The Ring and BWAA "Fighter of the Year", winning the award in 2006, 2008, and 2009. Currently, Pacquiao is the WBO welterweight champion. He is also rated as the best pound for pound boxer in the world by some sporting news and boxing websites, including The Ring, BoxRec.com and Sporting Life.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING BOXING GYMS IN EVERY TOWN IN THE COUNTRY AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 as "Manny Pacquiao Act of 2012".

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the state to: (1) give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development (2) promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms.

Boxing Gym – a place for boxing training

Enthusiast- boxing supporters and fans

LGU – Local Government Unit

Pagcor – Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation

Protégé - one who is protected or trained for boxing or whose career is furthered by a person of experience, prominence, or influence

SECTION 4. Gym for Boxing Training. There shall be town boxing gyms established for boxing protégés and enthusiasts, one (1) for every town to be operated and maintained by the concerned LGU.

SECTION 5. Gym's Responsibility. Each boxing center shall provide adequate training boxing equipment and competent boxing coaches.

SECTION 6. Source of Funds. The funds to be used for the establishment, maintenance and miscellaneous expenses for the operation of these boxing centers shall be sourced from the following agencies, but not limited to:

- a. not more than half of one percent (0.5%) of the annual budget of Department of Education.
- b. any other appropriations from the General Appropriations Act.
- c. donations and grants from domestic and international sources.
- d. One Hundred Million Pesos (Php 100,000,000.00) a year from PAGCOR.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, administrative orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 8. *Separability Clause.* Any part of this Act that will be declared unconstitutional shall not affect the other provisions.

SECTION 9. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take fifteen (15) days upon completion of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,