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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 2, Section 17, provides:

The State shall 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.

A national sports team may be defined as a group of athletes that represents a nation in an international competition. This may also be applied to a group of individual athletes representing a country where the aggregate individual scores are used to get a team result. It is but logical to expect that the national sports teams are affiliated with their respective national sports associations. In the Philippines, the national sports associations or NSA's are those recognized by the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) or the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC).

However, some sports teams not recognized by POC or the PSC compete in international competitions while carrying the name of the Philippines and presenting itself as the Philippine team for that sport. This has led to some confusion in the public and even in the international scene when two teams for the same sport both refer to themselves as the "Philippine" team. There is therefore a need to limit the sports teams that can refer to themselves as the Philippine team to those whose national sports associations are recognized by the POC or the PSC.



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1 AN ACT TO REGULATE THE USE OF THE
2 TERMS PHILIPPINE, PHILIPPINES OR PILIPINAS
3 IN THE NAME OF A SPORTS TEAM

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

6 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "National Team Name Regulation Act of
7 2012."

8 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policies and Objectives.* – (a) Pursuant to Article 2, Sec.
9 17 of the Constitution, The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts,
10 culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and
11 promote total human liberation and development.

12 (b) In addition to this, Article 10, Section 19, paragraph 1 provides that the State shall
13 promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions and amateur
14 sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork,
15 and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.

1 (c) There is therefore a need to ensure that the legitimate and official national sports
2 associations can use the name of our country exclusively to strengthen the prestige of the
3 different national sports teams and to dispel confusion in the minds of the public.

4 SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* For purposes of this Act, the term "National Sports
5 Association" shall refer to sports associations organized for their respective sports in the
6 Philippines and/or affiliated with their respective international federations which are
7 recognized by the Philippine Olympic Committee and are recognized as such by the
8 Philippine Sports Commission.

9 SECTION 4. *Regulation of team name.* – Only sports associations with written
10 permission and consent by the Philippine Olympic Committee or the Philippine Sports
11 Commission shall have the right to use "Philippines," "Philippine" or "*Pilipinas*" in their
12 team name.

13 SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
14 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or
15 inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended
16 accordingly.

17 SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
18 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,