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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Committee Report No. 2694

Submitted by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development on 06 FEB 2013
Re: House Bill No. 6907

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill Nos. 939, 1578, 2662, 4025 and 4320

Sponsors: Representatives Renato J. Unico, Mark Aeron H. Sambar, Emmanuel D. Pacquiao, Diosdado M. Arroyo, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Lucy Marie Torres-Gomez, Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas and Pedro B. Acharon, Jr.

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Youth and Sports Development to which were referred **House Bill No. 939** introduced by Reps. Mark Aeron H. Sambar and Emmanuel D. Pacquiao, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING CASH AND NON-MONETARY BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO NATIONAL ATHLETES, INCLUDING DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETES AND THEIR COACHES AND TRAINERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER NINETY HUNDRED AND SIXTY FOUR, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 2001" AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR "

House Bill No. 1578 introduced by Reps. Diosdado Macapagal Arroyo and Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, entitled:

" AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF INCENTIVES EXTENDED TO NATIONAL ATHLETES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1964, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL ATHLETES COACHES AND TRAINERS BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 2001" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

House Bill No. 2662 introduced by Rep. Lucy Marie Torres-Gomez, entitled:

AN ACT EXPANDING THE GRANT OF NON-MONETARY BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9064, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 2001"

House Bill No. 4025 introduced by Rep. Marlyn Primicias-Agabas;, entitled:

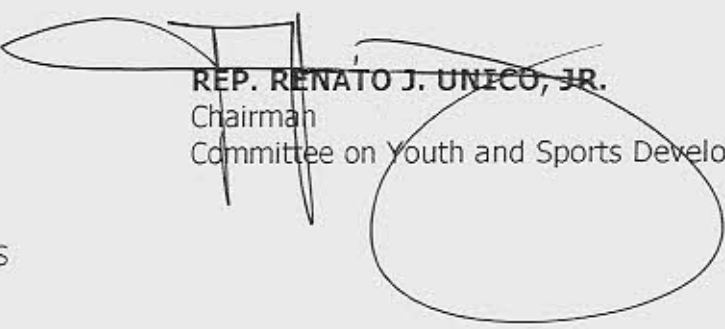
"AN ACT MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETES IN THE GRANTING OF CASH AND OTHER NON-MONETARY BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9064, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE"

and **House Bill No. 4320** introduced by Rep. Pedro B. Acharon, Jr., entitled:

"AN ACT EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF COVERED INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETES IN THE GRANTING OF CASH AND OTHER NON-MONETARY BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9064, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE"

has considered the same and recommends the approval of the attached House Bill No. 6907 in substitution of House Bill Nos. 939, 1578, 2662, 4025 and 4320 and with Mark Aeron H. Sambar, Emmanuel D. Pacquiao, Diosdado M. Arroyo, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Lucy Marie Torres-Gomez, Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, Pedro B. Acharon, Jr., Renato J. Unico, Jr., Mark A. Villar, Emmeline Y. Aglipay, Monique Yazmin Q. Lagdameo, , Arnel U. Ty, Raymond V. Palatino, Edwin DL. Olivarez, Mark Llandro L. Mendoza, Roberto V. Puno, Randolph S. Ting, Seth Frederick P. Jalosjos, Sigfrido R. Tinga, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, and Fatima Aliah Q. Dimaporo as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


REP. RENATO J. UNICO, JR.

Chairman

Committee on Youth and Sports Development

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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House Bill No. **6907**
(in substitution to House Bill Nos. 939,1578, 2662,4025 and 4320)

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AN ACT
AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER NINETY
HUNDRED AND SIXTY FOUR (RA 9064), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
“NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS BENEFITS AND
INCENTIVES ACT OF 2001” AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 9064, otherwise known as
2 “National Athletes, Coaches and Trainers Benefits and Incentives Act of
3 2001” is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 “Sec. 3. *Definition of Terms.* - For purposes of this Act, the following
5 terms shall be defined as follows:

6 (a) *National Athletes* - shall refer to athletes who are Filipino
7 citizens, members of the national training pool, recognized and
8 accredited by the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) and the

1 Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), **INCLUDING ATHLETES WITH**
2 **DISABILITY WHO ARE RECOGNIZED AND ACCREDITED BY THE**
3 **NATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE PHILIPPINES (NPC PHIL)**
4 **AND THE PSC** and who have represented the country in international
5 competitions;

6 (b) *National Coaches and Trainers* - shall refer to
7 coaches and trainers **OF NATIONAL ATHLETES** who are
8 Filipino citizens, members of the national coaches and
9 trainers pool, recognized and accredited by the PSC and who
10 have represented the country as official coaches and trainers
11 to national athletes in international competitions;

12 (c) *International Competitions* - shall refer to
13 international sports competitions which are sanctioned by the
14 International Olympic Committee (IOC) **OR BY THE**
15 **INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE (IPC) AND**
16 **/OR INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS**
17 **PARTICIPATED IN BY NOT LESS THAN FORTY-FIVE (45)**
18 **COUNTRIES, INCLUDING OTHER INTERNATIONAL**
19 **SPORTS COMPETITIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE**
20 **PSC AND THE POC** or **COMPETITIONS** held every four (4)
21 years including qualifying championships in team sports
22 wherein only one (1) or two (2) countries may qualify for the
23 Olympics or World Championships. "

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SEC 2. Section 4 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Sec 4. Benefits and Privileges for National Athletes, Coaches and Trainers. - Any national athlete, coach and trainer who is currently registered as such before the PSC shall be entitled to the following:

(a) the grant of twenty percent (20%) discount from all establishments relative to the utilization of transportation services, hotels, and other lodging establishments, restaurants and recreation centers and purchase of medicine and sports equipment anywhere in the country **FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OR ENJOYMENT OF THE NATIONAL ATHLETE, COACH AND TRAINER;**

(b) minimum of twenty percent (20%) discount on admission fees charged by theaters, cinema houses and concert halls, circuses, carnivals, and other similar places of culture, leisure and amusement **FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF THE NATIONAL ATHLETE, COACH AND TRAINER;**

(c) free medical and dental consultations in [private or public] **GOVERNMENT** hospitals and similar establishments anywhere in the country [and medical insurance program to be provided by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC)];

1 (c-1) COVERAGE IN THE NATIONAL
2 HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (NHIP) OF THE
3 PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE
4 CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH) THROUGH THE
5 SPONSORED PROGRAM BY THE PSC:
6 PROVIDED, THAT UPON REACHING THE AGE
7 OF FIFTY-FIVE (55), THE ATHLETE, COACH
8 AND TRAINER SHALL BE HONORARY
9 MEMBERS OF THE PROGRAM, SUBJECT TO
10 EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE
11 PHIC;

12 (d) X X X

13 (e) priority in existing livelihood programs being undertaken
14 by various government agencies subject to the guidelines and
15 qualifications by the implementing body [and];

16 (f) priority in national housing programs, affordable
17 "Pabahay" loans and other housing opportunities subject to
18 guidelines and qualifications set by the National Housing
19 Authority (NHA) or the Home Development Mutual Fund
20 (HDMF); **AND**

21 (g) **USE OF LIVING QUARTERS AND REGIONAL**
22 **TRAINING CENTERS WHICH SHALL BE SET UP AND**
23 **MAINTAINED BY THE PSC FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF**

1 **NATIONAL ATHLETES WHILE PREPARING AND TRAINING**
2 **FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS. “**

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5 SEC 3. Section 8 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as
6 follows:

7 “ Sec 8. *Cash Incentives for National Athletes.* - National
8 athletes who win gold, silver and bronze medals in international
9 competitions shall be entitled to cash awards in the following
10 amounts:

11 A. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

12 (a) For gold medalists:

13 (1) Five Million Pesos (P5,000,000.00) for
14 Olympic Games **OR ITS EQUIVALENT**
15 **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION PARTICIPATED**
16 **IN BY NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY;**

17 (2) Two Million Five Hundred Pesos
18 (P2,500,000.00)) for quadrennial World
19 Championships , **WORLD CUP AND WORLD GAMES;**

20 (3) One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Asian
21 Games **OR ITS EQUIVALENT INTERNATIONAL**
22 **COMPETITION PARTICIPATED IN BY NATIONAL**
23 **ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY;** and

(4)[One hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00)]
TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000.00)
for Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) **OR ITS**
EQUIVALENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION
PARTICIPATED IN BY NATIONAL ATHLETES
WITH DISABILITY.

(b) For silver medalists:

(1) Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos
(P2,500,000.00) for Olympic Games **OR ITS**
EQUIVALENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION
PARTICIPATED IN BY NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH
DISABILITY;

(2) One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) for
quadrennial World Championships, **WORLD CUP**
AND WORLD GAMES;

(3) Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00)
for Asian Games **OR ITS EQUIVALENT**
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION PARTICIPATED
IN BY NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY;

(4) [Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00)] **ONE**
HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) for
the SEA Games **OR ITS EQUIVALENT**

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION PARTICIPATED
IN BY NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY.

(c) For bronze medalists:

(1) One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Olympic
Games **OR ITS EQUIVALENT INTERNATIONAL
COMPETITION PARTICIPATED IN BY NATIONAL
ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY;**

(2) Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00)
for quadrennial World Championships, **WORLD CUP
AND WORLD GAMES;**

(3) One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00)
for Asian Games **OR ITS EQUIVALENT
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION PARTICIPATED
IN BY NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY;**

(4) [Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) | **TWENTY-
FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000.00)** for the SEA
Games **OR ITS EQUIVALENT INTERNATIONAL
COMPETITION PARTICIPATED IN BY NATIONAL
ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY.**

B. TEAM EVENTS

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1 For competitions with five (5) or more participants per
2 team, [the team shall receive twice the cash awards for
3 individual winners, to be divided equally among the team
4 members actually present during the competition] **EACH**
5 **TEAM MEMBER SHALL RECEIVE CASH AWARD EQUAL**
6 **TO THE SHARE OF EACH TEAM MEMBER FOR**
7 **COMPETITIONS WITH FOUR (4) PARTICIPANTS."**

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9 *Provided, That, for demonstration and exhibition sports events*
10 *in the Olympic Games, winning national athletes shall receive fifty*
11 *percent (50%) of the cash awards for Olympic medalists as herein*
12 *provided: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT, ATHLETES WHO SURPASS*
13 *PHILIPPINE RECORD OR RANKING IN ANY INTERNATIONAL*
14 *SPORTS COMPETITION SHALL BE GIVEN CASH INCENTIVES, THE*
15 *AMOUNT OF WHICH SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE PSC.*

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17 *Provided, [further,] FINALLY, That for SEA Games, monetary*
18 *incentives shall be given starting 2001 to the winning athletes or*
19 *teams who have equaled or surpassed the existing game records or*
20 *the previous placings in non-measurable events.*

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22 SEC. 4. New sections between Sections 10 and 11 of the same
23 Act are hereby inserted to be denominated as follows:

1 "SEC. 10-A. AVAILMENT OF BENEFITS AND
2 PRIVILEGES - THE ABOVE-MENTIONED BENEFITS AND
3 PRIVILEGES SHALL BE AVAILED BY ATHLETES,
4 COACHES AND TRAINERS UPON PRESENTATION OF AN
5 IDENTIFICATION CARD, RENEWABLE EVERY YEAR, TO
6 BE ISSUED BY THE PSC.

7 PROVIDED, THAT, ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY
8 SHALL NOT AVAIL OF SAID BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES
9 IN COMBINATION WITH SIMILAR BENEFITS AND
10 PRIVILEGES UNDER RA 9442 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
11 THE MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

12 SEC. 10-B. PENALTIES. - (A) ANY PERSON WHO
13 VIOLATES SECTION 4 (A) AND (B) OF THIS ACT SHALL
14 SUFFER THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES:

15 (1) FOR THE FIRST VIOLATION, A FINE OF NOT
16 LESS THAN FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000) BUT
17 NOT EXCEEDING ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS
18 (P100,000) OR IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN
19 SIX (6) MONTHS BUT NOT MORE THAN TWO (2)
20 YEARS, OR BOTH AT THE DISCRETION OF THE
21 COURT; AND

22 (2) FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, A FINE OF
23 NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS

1 (P100,000) BUT NOT EXCEEDING TWO HUNDRED
2 THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000) OR IMPRISONMENT
3 FOR NOT LESS THAN TWO (2) YEARS BUT NOT
4 MORE THAN SIX (6) YEARS, OR BOTH.

5 (B) ANY NATIONAL ATHLETE, COACH OR TRAINER
6 WHO ABUSES THE PRIVILEGES GRANTED HEREIN SHALL
7 BE PUNISHED WITH IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN
8 SIX (6) MONTHS OR A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE
9 THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00), BUT NOT MORE THAN
10 FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00), OR BOTH, AT
11 THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT.

12 (C) IF THE VIOLATOR IS A CORPORATION,
13 PARTNERSHIP OR ANY JURIDICAL PERSON, THE
14 PENALTY SHALL BE IMPOSED UPON THE PRESIDENT,
15 OWNER OR ANY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER.

16 (D) IF THE VIOLATOR IS AN ALIEN OR A
17 FOREIGNER, HE SHALL BE DEPORTED IMMEDIATELY
18 AFTER SERVICE OF SENTENCE WITHOUT FURTHER
19 DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS.

20 UPON FILING OF AN APPROPRIATE COMPLAINT,
21 AND AFTER DUE NOTICE AND HEARING, THE PROPER
22 AUTHORITIES MAY ALSO CAUSE THE CANCELLATION OR
23 REVOCATION OF THE BUSINESS PERMIT, PERMIT TO

1 OPERATE, FRANCHISE AND OTHER SIMILAR
2 PRIVILEGES GRANTED TO ANY BUSINESS ENTITY THAT
3 FAILS TO ABIDE BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW.”
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5 SEC. 5. *Funding.* The amount necessary for the implementation of the
6 cash incentives and retirement benefits under this Act shall be taken from
7 the net cash income of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation
8 (PAGCOR), to be remitted directly as a special account to the National
9 Sports Development Fund (NSDF) of the PSC. This is in addition to the
10 regular income share of the PSC pursuant to Republic Act No. 6847.

11 SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within ninety (90) days
12 after the approval of this Act, the PSC, in consultation with the POC, NPC
13 PHIL, DEPED, CHED, TESDA, SENATE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
14 and other concerned agencies, shall promulgate and issue the
15 Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) to carry out the provisions of this
16 Act. The IRR shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the publication in a
17 major daily newspaper of general circulation.
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19 SEC 7. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision or part of this Act, or the
20 application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid or
21 unconstitutional, the remaining sections of this Act or the application of
22 such provision or part hereof to other persons or circumstance shall remain
23 in full force and effect.

1 SEC 8. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules
2 and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act
3 are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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5 SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
6 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

7 Approved.
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HOUSE BILL NO. 939

Introduced by Representative Mark Sambar

AN ACT
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

One of the most overlooked means to help ensure our country's development is through the promotion of sports. With most of government budgets allotted to education, health, and infrastructure, sports has usually taken a backseat in favor of "more important" matters. With the recent success of our very own sports heroes, sports has proven itself to become a vital tool in motivating the Filipinos not only to strive harder for a better life and become healthy and alert citizens, but more so in providing that much needed boost for our country's pride and honor. When our Filipino sports heroes excel and win in the international arena, they provide immediate fulfillment and delight to our people who feel proud and happy to be a Filipino, whether they are here or abroad.

No less than our 1987 Constitution highlights the importance of promoting a healthy and alert citizenry. Sports, as a way of life, will create more awareness on the need for a healthy and active lifestyle. Starting physical fitness and sports education at the most formative and early stages of our children and youth lessens their chances of becoming susceptible to illegal drugs, alcohol and other life-threatening vices and dishonest choices.

Government should have institutionalized by now a genuine program that can assure their legacy and justly reward them for their struggles in their attempts to give honor and pride to our country and people. Unfortunately, we still need to amend the law passed in 2001 providing benefits and incentives to athletes and coaches as these are still not enough! We constantly tell them, "hindi puwede ang puwede na" and that they must meet if not surpass our expectations of them but even the basic benefits and incentives we provide them fall short of their expectations.

One of the goals of the PBA Partylist is to ensure the legacy of the Filipino athlete; to make being an athlete rewarding; to make being an athlete once again an honor. We must collectively aim to create a brighter future for the Filipino athletes and their families, as well as their coaches. How? By first making sure that our athletes and coaches can concentrate and focus on this herculean task.

We must not allow them to feel insecure and worry about their present well-being as well as think about their uncertain future. The optimism is immense in that if the Filipino athlete is not distracted by basic matters of feeding his family, putting their children through school and dealing with matters that only make their focus wane, the Filipino athlete will achieve what many think is an improbable goal.

Our national athletes and coaches, including those differently-abled athletes, therefore, must be likewise given the all-out support, protection and just compensation in recognition of all the hard work they put in, not only by the Government, but by all stakeholders as well. They have given their utmost best for the country and in return, we can only equally accord them our utmost best as well!

We need to, therefore, include other basic assistance for our national athletes such as inclusion in Philhealth's insurance, retirement benefits, at least double the monetary cash incentives, include differently-abled athletes, their coaches and trainers, as well as incentives for the private sector who will provide discounts and prizes for them, and provide sanctions, among others. They deserve the additional benefits and incentives enumerated in this measure, considering the valuable and critical role they play in our society. Through their example, Government can more effectively promote the moral values, discipline and numerous benefits inherent in the practice of sports for all.

Another important reason why we need to pass this urgent legislation for our athletes and coaches is to help them increase their chances to win more medals in international competitions, particularly our country's first-ever Olympic gold medal. It is only through the proper recognition of their talent, time and effort that the Filipino athlete can further aspire to always be on top of their game at all times, thus giving the Philippines better chances to achieve higher accolades in the international arena.

The PBA Partylist shares in the excitement of the gold hunt for this elusive and distinct honor, but we will first need the support of all legislators in making this dream become a reality through the passage of this bill granting cash and non-monetary benefits and incentives to national athletes, including differently-abled athletes and their coaches and trainers, amending for this purpose certain sections of Republic Act No. 9064, otherwise known as the "National Athletes, Coaches and Trainers Benefits and Incentives Act of 2001"

The PBA Partylist will always be there for the Filipino athlete, in triumph and in defeat. We can only succeed, however, with the full support and cooperation of all stakeholders involved. As an initial and crucial step, we therefore urge all members of Congress to give priority to these noble intentions by immediately passing this vital measure, not only for the sake of our deserving national athletes and coaches, but more so for our country's future generations who will reap the long-term benefits even beyond our expectations.

Mabuhay ang ating mga Atletang Pilipino!


MARK SAMBAR
Representative, PBA Party-List

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HOUSE BILL NO. **939**

Introduced by Representatives Mark Sambar and Manny Pacquiao

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12 establishments, restaurants and recreation centers and purchase of medicine
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14 **ENJOYMENT OF THE NATIONAL ATHLETE, COACH AND TRAINER;**

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19 **AND ENJOYMENT OF THE NATIONAL ATHELETE, COACH AND TRAINER;**

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22 hospitals and similar establishments anywhere in the country [and medical
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24 Corporation (PHIC)];

26 (C-1) COVERAGE IN THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (NHIP) OF THE PHILIPPINE
27 HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH) THROUGH THE SPONSORED PROGRAM BY
28 THE PSC: PROVIDED, THAT UPON REACHING THE AGE OF FIFTY-FIVE (55), THE ATHLETE, COACH
29 AND TRAINER SHALL BE HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE PROGRAM, SUBJECT TO EXISTING
30 RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE PHILHEALTH;

31 (d) X X X
32 (e) X X X
33 (f) X X X

34 [Such privately owned establishments shall enjoy tax credits equivalent to the discounts extended to the
35 athletes.] **TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES TO PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS FOR GIVING DISCOUNTS TO**
36 **NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS, ALL PARTICIPATING ESTABLISHMENTS MAY**
37 **CLAIM THE COST AS TAX DEDUCTION: PROVIDED, THAT SUCH TAX DEDUCTION SCHEME SHALL**
38 **BE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE."**

1 SEC 3. Section 5 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

2 " Sec. 5. *Scholarships* - A national athlete who wins **GOLD** in an international competition, or **HIS OR HER**
3 **QUALIFIED SPOUSE OR ANY ONE OF HIS OR HER CHILD** [any one qualified member of his / her
4 immediate family within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity] shall be entitled to scholarship benefits in the
5 form of **FULL** tuition fees in state colleges and universities in order to complete a college or university degree.
6 The winning national athlete shall likewise be given priority in the availment of state college and university
7 scholarship grants."

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9	X	X	X

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11 SEC 4. Section 6 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

12 "Section 6. *Retirement Benefits*. - A national athlete [coach and trainer] who wins **GOLD** in an international
13 competition [or has coached or trained such winning athlete shall receive a lump sum amount equivalent to
14 twenty-five percent (25%) of this/her total cash incentives computed from the start of his/her active sports
15 career as member of the national training pool or national coaches and trainers pool up to the last day of
16 retirement from active competition or training as certified by the PSC. Such lump sum amount shall be
17 extended sixty (60) days after the filing of the retirement papers.] , **UPON REACHING THE AGE OF FIFTY-**
18 **FIVE (55), SHALL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING RETIREMENT BENEFITS:**

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- 20 A. FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS – A LIFETIME MONTHLY PENSION OF AT LEAST
21 TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00) FOR INDIVIDUAL WINNER;
22 B. FOR TEAM EVENTS – A LIFETIME MONTHLY PENSION OF AT LEAST FIFTEEN
23 THOUSAND PESOS (P15,000.00) FOR EACH TEAM MEMBER.

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25 PROVIDED, THAT, FOR ATHLETES WHO WIN IN BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM EVENTS, THE
26 RETIREMENT BENEFIT FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS SHALL APPLY.

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28 ATHLETES WHO ARE ACTIVELY EMPLOYED AT THE TIME THEY REACH THE AGE OF FIFTY-FIVE
29 (55) AND HAVE AVAILED OF THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER THIS ACT MAY CONTINUE WITH
30 SUCH EMPLOYMENT: PROVIDED, THAT THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE
31 SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER EXISTING
32 LAWS. "

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34 SEC 5. Section 8 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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

1 A. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

2 (a) For gold medalists:

3 (1) X X X

4 (2) X X X

5 (3) X X X

6 (4) [One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00)] **TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000.00)**

7 for Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games)

8 (b) For silver medalists:

9 (1) X X X

10 (2) X X X

11 (3) X X X

12 (4) [Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00)] **ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00)** for the

13 SEA Games

14 (c) For bronze medalists:

15 (1) X X X

16 (2) X X X

17 (3) [One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00)] **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P250,000)**

18 for Asian Games; and

19 (4) [Ten thousand pesos (P10,000)] **TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000)** for the SEA Games.

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21 B. TEAM EVENTS

22 X X X

23 For competitions with five (5) or more participants per team, [the team shall receive twice the cash awards for

24 individual winners , to be divided equally among the team members actually present during the competition]

25 **EACH TEAM MEMBER SHALL RECEIVE CASH AWARD EQUAL TO THE SHARE OF EACH TEAM**

26 **MEMBER FOR COMPETITIONS WITH FOUR (4) PARTICIPANTS."**

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28 *Provided, That, for demonstration and exhibition sports events in the Olympic Games, winning national*

29 *athletes shall receive fifty percent (50%) of the cash awards for Olympic medalists as herein provided:*

30 *[Provided; further, That for SEA Games monetary incentives shall be given starting 2001 to the winning*

31 *athletes or teams who have equaled or surpassed the existing game records or the previous placings in non-*

32 *measurable events.]*

1 SEC. 6. Section 9 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

2 " Sec. 9. *Benefits, Privileges and Incentives for Past Achievers.* - Any national athlete who, prior to the
3 enactment of this Act, had won gold, silver or bronze medals in international competitions except SEA Games
4 **OR ITS EQUIVALENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**, shall be entitled to the benefits and privileges
5 provided under Section 4 and fifty percent (50%) of the cash incentives provided under Section 8 of this Act.
6 Such incentives shall be the difference between the cash award received under Administrative Order No. 352
7 **OR FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES** and the cash award provided under this Act. "

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9 SEC 7. Section 10 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

10 "Sec. 10. *Incentives for Coaches and Trainers.* - Coaches and trainers shall also be entitled to cash awards if
11 they have personally trained and rendered service to the athletes or teams **WHO WIN IN INTERNATIONAL**
12 **COMPETITIONS** at least [one (1) year] **SIX (6) MONTHS** prior to the international competition. Certification
13 to this effect by the individual athlete or team [captain] **MANAGER FOR TEAM EVENTS** shall be in writing,
14 **DULY ATTESTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS (NSAs).**

15 X . X X

16 There is hereby created a body to be known as the Philippine Coaches Accreditation Council that shall
17 accredit and recognize coaches and trainers. It shall be composed, among others, of representatives from the
18 PSC, POC, **NPC PHIL** and the academic community, preferably a professor in physical education or sports
19 science."

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21 SEC. 8. New sections between Sections 10 and 11 of the same Act are hereby inserted to be denominated as
22 follows:

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24 **"SEC 10-A. AVAILMENT OF BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES – THE ABOVE-MENTIONED BENEFITS AND**
25 **PRIVILEGES SHALL BE AVAILED BY ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS UPON PRESENTATION**
26 **OF AN IDENTIFICATION CARD, RENEWABLE EVERY YEAR, TO BE ISSUED BY THE PSC.**

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28 **PROVIDED, THAT, ATHLETES WITH DISABILITIES SHALL NOT AVAIL OF SAID BENEFITS AND**
29 **PRIVILEGES IN COMBINATION WITH SIMILAR BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES UNDER RA 9442**
30 **OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS.**

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32 **SEC 10-B. *Penalties.* - (A) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES SECTION 4 (a) and (b) OF THE SAME ACT**
33 **SHALL SUFFER THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES:**

1 (1) FOR THE FIRST VIOLATION, A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000) BUT
2 NOT EXCEEDING ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000) OR IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS
3 THAN SIX (6) MONTHS BUT NOT MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS, OR BOTH AT THE DISCRETION OF
4 THE COURT; AND

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6 (2) FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND
7 PESOS (P100,000) BUT NOT EXCEEDING TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000) OR
8 IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN TWO (2) YEARS BUT NOT MORE THAN SIX (6) YEARS, OR
9 BOTH.

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11 (B) ANY NATIONAL ATHLETE, COACH OR TRAINER WHO ABUSES THE PRIVILEGES GRANTED
12 HEREIN SHALL BE PUNISHED WITH IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS OR A FINE
13 OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000), BUT NOT MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND
14 PESOS (P50,000), OR BOTH, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT.

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16 (C) IF THE VIOLATOR IS A CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP OR ANY JURIDICAL PERSON, THE
17 PENALTY SHALL BE IMPOSED UPON THE PRESIDENT, OWNER OR ANY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER.

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19 (D) IF THE VIOLATOR IS AN ALIEN OR A FOREIGNER, HE SHALL BE DEPORTED IMMEDIATELY
20 AFTER SERVICE OF SENTENCE WITHOUT FURTHER DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS.

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22 UPON FILING OF AN APPROPRIATE COMPLAINT, AND AFTER DUE NOTICE AND HEARING, THE
23 PROPER AUTHORITIES MAY ALSO CAUSE THE CANCELLATION OR REVOCATION OF THE
24 BUSINESS PERMIT, PERMIT TO OPERATE, FRANCHISE AND OTHER SIMILAR PRIVILEGES GRANTED
25 TO ANY BUSINESS ENTITY THAT FAILS TO ABIDE BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW."

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27 SEC. 9. *Funding.* The amount necessary for the implementation of the cash incentives and retirement
28 benefits under this Act shall be taken from the net cash income of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming
29 Corporation (PAGCOR), to be remitted directly as a special account to the National Sports Development Fund
30 (NSDF) of the PSC. This is in addition to the regular income share of the PSC pursuant to Republic Act No.
31 6847.

1 Such amount as may be necessary to carry out the other provisions of this Act shall be included in the budget
2 of the PSC in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

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4 SEC. 10. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The PSC, in consultation with the POC, NPC PHIL,
5 DEPED, CHED, TESDA, SENATE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and other concerned agencies shall
6 promulgate and issue the Implementing Rules and Regulations within sixty (60) days upon approval of this
7 Act.

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9 SEC 11. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision or part of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or
10 circumstances, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining sections of this Act or the application of such
11 provision or part hereof to other persons or circumstance shall remain in full force and effect.

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13 SEC 12. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof
14 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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16 SEC. 13. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2)
17 newspapers of general circulation.

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19 Approved.

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

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.


DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL ARROYO
Second District, Camarines Sur


GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO
Second District, Pampanga

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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OF 2001", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

*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,

Fifteenth Congress
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 2662

Introduced by Honorable Lucy Marie Torres-Gomez

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to expand the grant of non-monetary benefits and incentives to national athletes, coaches and trainers, amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 9064, otherwise known as the "*National Athletes, Coaches and Trainers Benefits and Incentives Act of 2001*." This measure proposes that all national athletes are provided adequate living quarters while they are training for international competitions. Likewise, it proposes to give members of the national training pool who have competed in international competitions the opportunity to finish their studies and earn a degree by providing them with scholarships. These athletes, coaches and trainers should, however, be recognized and accredited by the Philippine Olympic Committee and the Philippine Sports Commission.

Members of the various national training pools go thru arduous preparations and vigorous training for months, or even years, to represent our country in international competitions. The skill, hard work, dedication and perseverance of our athletes have continuously brought pride and honor to our country despite the pressure and the odds stacked against them.

Winning for flag and country is every national athlete's goal but equally important is one's personal development and education. The challenge lies in having a balanced approach in attaining life and sporting goals. Cognizant of the sacrifices made by our national athletes and the honor they bring to our country, the State should provide them the necessary support to allow them to attain both goals.

Presently, RA 9064 provides scholarships to athletes who have won in international competitions or to any one qualified member of their family within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity in the form of tuition fees in state colleges and universities in order to complete a college or university degree. "*International*

competitions" as defined in RA 9064 refer to international sports competitions which are sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) or held every four (4) years including qualifying championships in team sports wherein only one or two countries may qualify for the Olympics or world championships.

It is acknowledged that many national athletes are faced with the challenge of reconciling their educational, training and competition schedules. For many national athletes, it is part of their lives to sacrifice the precious time for school and instead devote it for training. We are aware of the fact that some athletes who made us proud during their prime were unable to earn a degree or even finish secondary education. Then, they realize too late that they need education to have a livelihood or a new profession after their career in sports is through.

It is recognized that in order for athletes to be fully successful and able to integrate themselves back into society at the end of their sporting career, a balanced approach to sports and education is crucial. This bill seeks to grant scholarships not only to athletes who have won but also to those who have at least represented the country in international competitions. The rigorous training and competition, which an athlete needs to undertake and overcome before qualifying for a slot in the national team to compete in international competitions, should be enough reason for said athletes to deserve scholarships from the State.

It is also the intention of this bill to provide members of the national training pools of the various National Sports Associations adequate living quarters and regional training centers for their training and preparations for competitions.

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



LUCY MARIE TORRES-GOMEZ

Fifteenth Congress
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 2662

Introduced by Honorable Lucy Marie Torres-Gomez

AN ACT
EXPANDING THE GRANT OF NON-MONETARY BENEFITS AND
INCENTIVES TO NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9064,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "*NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND
TRAINERS BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 2001*"

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

SECTION 1. A new paragraph shall be added to Section 4 of Republic Act
No. 9064 to be designated as paragraph (g) to read as follows:

"Section 4. *Benefits and Privileges for National Athletes,
Coaches and Trainers.* – Any national athlete, coach and trainer who
is currently registered as such before the PSC shall be entitled to the
following:

(a) xxx

xxx

xxx

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(e) priority in existing livelihood programs being undertaken by various government agencies subject to the guidelines and qualifications by the implementing body; [and]

(f) priority in national housing programs, affordable “pabahay” loans and other housing opportunities subject to the guidelines and qualifications set by the National Housing Authority (NHA) or the Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF)[.]; **AND**

(G) THE USE OF LIVING QUARTERS AND REGIONAL TRAINING CENTERS WHICH SHALL BE SET-UP AND MAINTAINED BY THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION (PSC) FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF NATIONAL ATHLETES WHILE PREPARING AND TRAINING FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS.”

SEC. 2. Section 5 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 5. Scholarships. – A national athlete who **COMPETES OR** wins in an international competition or any one qualified member of [his/her] **THE WINNING ATHLETE’S** immediate family within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity shall be entitled to scholarship benefits in the form of tuition fees in state colleges and universities in order to complete a college or university degree. The **NATIONAL ATHLETE WHO COMPETES IN AN**

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION [winning national athlete] shall likewise be given priority in the availment of state college and university scholarship grants.

Likewise, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Technical Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA) shall give priority to winning and qualified national athletes who seek scholarship grants and study under their programs subject to the qualifications for all applicants.

Private colleges and universities shall likewise be encouraged to adopt a similar program in their institutions for [winning] national athletes **WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS.**"

SEC. 3. Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the PSC, in coordination with the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), CHED, TESDA, and other concerned government agencies shall promulgate such rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4025

Introduced by Representative MARLYN PRIMICIAS-AGABAS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 10, Article III of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "(t)he State shall promote social justice in all phases of national development."

In 1992, Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Disabled Persons," was enacted. In its declaration of policy, it is stated that "(d)isabled persons are part of Philippine society, thus the State shall give full support to the improvement of the total well-being of disabled persons and their integration into the mainstream of society. ... It shall develop their skills and potentials to enable them to compete favorably for available opportunities."

The law likewise declared that "(d)isabled persons have the same rights as other people to take their proper place in society," and further provided that "(t)he State shall advocate for and encourage respect for disabled persons. The State shall exert all efforts to remove all social, cultural, economic, environmental and attitudinal barriers that are prejudicial to disabled persons. ..."

In line with these policies, this bill seeks to equalize opportunities for differently-abled athletes who win in international competitions through the grant of the same cash and non-monetary benefits and incentives given to regular national athletes.

During the 2005 ASEAN Para Games held in the Philippines, our differently-abled athletes finished sixth overall in the 11-nation field with a 22-41-37 gold-silver-bronze record. This was a far cry from the 2-15-23 output in the 2003 Para Games in Vietnam. Having brought fame, honor and glory to our country, it is but proper that these athletes and other differently-abled athletes who will win in future international competitions be granted the same benefits given to the regular national athletes.

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


MARLYN PRIMICIAS-AGABAS
6th District, Pangasinan

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4025

Introduced by Representative MARLYN PRIMICIAS-AGABAS

AN ACT
MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR
DIFFERENTLY - ABLED ATHLETES IN THE GRANTING OF CASH AND
OTHER NON-MONETARY BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9064, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

- (c) International Competitions – shall refer to World, ASIAN, ASEAN/Southeast Asian age-group championships and international sports competitions which are sanctioned by the International Federations (IFs), International Olympic Committee (IOC), International Paralympic Committee (IPC), FAR EAST & SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES FOR THE DISABLED (FESPIC), International Organization of Sport for the Disabled (IOSD), or held every four (4) or two (2) years or held annually including qualifying championships in team sports wherein only one (1) or two (2) countries may qualify for the Olympics or World championships.

Competitions granting prize money or those held in honor of any personality or sponsor shall not be included;

- (d) National Athletes with Disability or Differently-Abled Athletes – shall refer to athletes who are Filipino citizens, members of the national sports association for the disabled, recognized and accredited by the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and the national paralympic commission, and who have represented the country in international competitions.”

SECTION. 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 4. Benefits and Privileges for National Athletes, NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETES, Coaches and Trainers – Any national athlete, NATIONAL ATHLETE WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETE, coach and trainer who is currently registered as such before the PSC shall be entitled to the following:

(a) the grant of twenty percent (20%) discount from all establishments relative to the utilization of transportation services, hotels, and other lodging establishments, restaurants and recreation centers and purchase of medicine and sports equipment anywhere in the country;

(b) minimum of twenty percent (20%) discount on admission fees charged by theaters, cinema houses and concert halls, circuses, carnivals, and other similar places of culture, leisure and amusement;

(c) free medical and dental consultations in private or public hospitals and similar establishments anywhere in the country and medical insurance program to be provided by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC);

(d) a comprehensive social security program to be formulated by the Social Security System within one hundred eighty (180) days from the approval of this Act;

(e) priority in existing livelihood programs being undertaken by various government agencies subject to the guidelines and qualifications by the implementing body; and

(f) priority in national housing programs, affordable "pabahay" loans and other housing opportunities subject to the guidelines and qualifications set by the National Housing Authority (NHA) or the Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF).

Such privately-owned establishments shall enjoy tax credits equivalent to the discounts extended to the athletes.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) shall, as soon as possible, provide for the rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act."

SECTION 3. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. *Scholarships.* – A national athlete, NATIONAL ATHLETE WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETE, who wins in an international competition or any one qualified member of his/her immediate family within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity shall be entitled to scholarship benefits in the form of tuition fees in state colleges and universities in order to complete a college or university degree. The winning national athlete, NATIONAL ATHLETE WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETE shall likewise be given priority in the availment of state college and university scholarship grants.

Likewise, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Technical Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA) shall give priority to winning national athletes, NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETES, who seek scholarship grants and study under their programs subject to the qualifications for all applicants.

Private colleges and universities shall likewise be encouraged to adopt a similar program in their institutions for winning national athletes, NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETES."

SECTION 4. Section 6 of Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 6. *Retirement Benefits.* – Any national athlete, NATIONAL ATHLETE WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETE, coach and trainer who wins in an international competition or has coached or trained such winning national athlete, NATIONAL ATHLETE WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETE shall receive a lump sum amount equivalent to twenty-five percent (25%) of his/her total cash incentives computed from the start of his /her active sports career as a member of the national training pool or national coaches and trainers pool up to the last day of retirement from active competition or training as certified by the PSC. Such lump sum amount shall be extended sixty (60) days after the filing of the retirement papers.”

SECTION 5. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 7. *Death Benefits.* – Upon the death of any national athlete, NATIONAL ATHLETE WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETE, coach and trainer, his/her primary beneficiaries shall be entitled to a lump sum benefit of Thirty thousand pesos (P30,000) to cover for his/her funeral services: Provided, That if he/she has no primary beneficiaries, his/her secondary beneficiaries shall be entitled to said benefits.

For purposes of this Act, primary beneficiaries shall refer to the legitimate spouse WIDOW OR WIDOWER, legitimate or illegitimate children. Secondary beneficiaries shall refer to the parents, and in their absence, to the brothers or sisters of such athlete, coach and trainer.”

SECTION 6. Section 8 of Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 8. *Cash Incentives for National Athletes, NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETES.* – National athletes, NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED 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) Five million pesos (P5,000,000.00) for Olympic and/or Paralympic Games;
- (2) Two million five hundred thousand pesos (P2,500,000) for ALL quadrennial World Championships;
- (3) One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Asian Games and/or FESPIC Games, WHICH WILL BE HELD until 2006, TO BE REPLACED BY THE ASIAN PARA GAMES STARTING 2010;
- (4) One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000) for Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) and/or ASEAN PARA GAMES.

(b) For Silver Medalists:

- (1) Two million pesos (P2,000,000.00) for Olympic and/or Paralympic Games;
- (2) One million pesos (P1,000,000) for ALL quadrennial World Championships;
- (3) Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) for Asian Games and/or FESPIC, WHICH WILL BE HELD until 2006, TO BE REPLACED BY THE ASIAN PARA GAMES STARTING 2010;
- (4) Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000) for Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) and/or ASEAN PARA GAMES.

(c) For Bronze Medalists:

- (1) One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Olympic and/or Paralympic Games;
- (2) Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) for ALL quadrennial World Championships;
- (3) One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) for Asian Games and/or FESPIC, WHICH WILL BE HELD until 2006, TO BE REPLACED BY THE ASIAN PARA GAMES STARTING 2010;
- (4) Ten thousand pesos (P10,000) for Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) and/or ASEAN PARA GAMES.

B. TEAM EVENTS

For competitions with less than five (5) participants per team, the team shall receive the same cash awards for individual medal winners as herein provided, to be divided equally among the team members actually present during the competition.

For competitions with five (5) or more participants per team, the team shall receive twice the cash awards for individual winners to be divided equally among the team members actually present during the competition:

Provided, That for demonstration and exhibition sports events in the Olympic and/or paralympic Games, winning national athletes, NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETES shall receive fifty percent (50%) of the cash awards for Olympic and/or paralympic medalists as herein provided;

Provided, further, That for SEA Games and/or ASEAN PARA GAMES, monetary incentives shall be given starting 2001 to the winning athletes or teams who have equaled or surpassed the existing game records or the previous placing in non-measurable events.

C. AGE GROUP COMPETITIONS

FOR NATIONAL ATHLETES AND national Athletes with Disability or Differently-Abled Athletes IN AGE-GROUP COMPETITIONS, Only THOSE who are members of the National Pool, accredited and recognized by their RESPECTIVE National Sports Associations and the Philippine Sports Commission, shall be entitled to THE FOLLOWING cash awards:

(a) For Gold Medalists:

- (1) THREE Hundred thousand pesos (P300,000.00) for ALL quadrennial World Championships;
- (2) one hundred thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) for Asian Games and/or FESPIC Games, WHICH WILL BE HELD until 2006, TO BE REPLACED BY THE ASIAN PARA GAMES STARTING 2010;
- (3) Fifteen thousand pesos (P15,000) for Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) and/or ASEAN PARA GAMES.

(b) For Silver Medalists:

- (1) One hundred fifty thousand pesos (P150,000.00) for ALL quadrennial World Championships;
- (2) Seventy five Thousand Pesos (P75,000.00) for Asian Games and/or FESPIC, WHICH WILL BE HELD until 2006, TO BE REPLACED BY THE ASIAN PARA GAMES STARTING 2010;
- (3) Ten thousand pesos (P10,000) for Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) and/or ASEAN PARA GAMES.

(c) For Bronze Medalists:

- (1) Seventy five thousand pesos (P75,000.00) for ALL quadrennial World Championships;
- (2) Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) for Asian Games and/or FESPIC, WHICH WILL BE HELD until 2006, TO BE REPLACED BY THE ASIAN PARA GAMES STARTING 2010;
- (3) Five thousand pesos (P5,000) for Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) and/or ASEAN PARA GAMES.

They shall also be entitled to Elementary, High School and College educational scholarship, as the case may be, in state-run educational institutions."

SECTION 7. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 9. *Benefits, Privileges and Incentives for Past Achievers.* – Any national athlete, NATIONAL ATHLETE WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETE who, prior to the enactment of this Act, had won gold, silver or bronze medals in international competitions except SEA Games AND/OR ASEAN PARA GAMES, shall be entitled to the benefits and privileges provided under Section 4 and fifty percent (50%) of the cash incentives provided under Section 8 of this Act. Such incentives shall be the difference between the cash award received under Administrative Order No. 352 and the cash award provided under this Act."

SECTION 8. Section 12 of Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 12. *Funding.* – The amount necessary for the implementation of the cash incentives and retirement benefits program of this Act shall be taken from the net cash income of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), to be remitted directly as a special account to the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) of the PSC. This is in addition to the regular income share of the PSC pursuant to Republic Act No. 6847.

A separate fund equivalent to not less than sixty percent (60%) of existing NSDF shall be automatically set aside for the training and preparation of national athletes, NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETES covered by this Act.

Not less than five percent (5%) of the NSDF shall be set aside for the selection of individual athletes at the elementary and high school levels in track and field, swimming, badminton, pingpong and similar individual sports events where the Philippines can develop into world class competitors. Said fund shall be administered by the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)."

SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining sections of this Act or the application of such provision or part hereof to other persons or circumstance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its approval and publication in the *Official Gazette* and/or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

House Bill No. 320

Introduced by: Hon. Pedro B. Acharon Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill intends to expand the coverage of RA 9064, otherwise known as the *"The Sports Benefits and Incentives Act of 2001"*. As proposed, the amendment will enlarge the coverage of the terms "International Competitions" and "National Athletes" and an increase in the monetary benefits to conform to the concerns of some quarters in the field of sports.

It is worthy to note that RA 9064 is a legislative milestone in terms of giving incentives to our athletes who have brought glory and honor to our country. Regrettably, not all athletes may avail of the grant provided by law, only those athletes who won in an international sports competition sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee fall within the ambit of the provision.

With the prevalent exposure of Filipino athletes in international contests, there is an increasing number of successful conquests that showcased their skills and talents to the world. Our country finds recognition as a consequence in every triumphant stint which these Filipino athletes hurdle. It is thus appropriate for the state to recognize their efforts by extending similar grants such as those extended by RA 9064. As

proposed, the term "international competitions" shall incorporate other international sports competition sanctioned by other sports organizations or federations.

Further, it is proposed under this bill to include under the term to expand as well the coverage of term "national athletes". The bill will include athletes with disability who represented the country in international Paralympics competitions. During the 2000 Athens Paralympics Games, our country's athletes finished sixth overall with a 22-41-37 gold-silver-bronze finish.

Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the "*Magna Carta for Disabled Person*" declared as a matter of policy that the State shall develop their skills and potentials to enable them to compete favourably for available opportunities. In line with this policy, this bill seeks to equalize opportunities for differently-abled athletes who win in international competitions through the grant of the same cash and non-monetary benefits and incentives given to regular national athletes.

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


HON. PEDRO B. ACHARON JR.

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

320

Introduced by : Honorable Pedro B. Acharon Jr.

AN ACT

EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF COVERED INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY -ABLED ATHLETES IN THE GRANTING OF CASH AND OTHER NON-MONETARY BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.9064, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION. 1 Section 3 of Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

(C) International Competitions – shall refer to **WORLD, ASIAN, ASEAN/SOUTHEAST ASIAN AGE-GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS** AND international sports competitions which are sanctioned by the **INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS (IFs), International Olympic Committee (IOC), INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE (IPC) ASEAN OR ASIAN PARA GAMES, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF SPORT FOR THE DISABLED (IOSD)**, or held every four (4) OR TWO (2) YEARS OR HELD ANNUALLY including qualifying championships in team sports wherein only one (1) or two (2) countries may qualify for the Olympics or World championships.

Competitions granting prize money or those held in honor of any personality or sponsor shall not be included;

(D) **NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETES** –SHALL REFER TO ATHLETES WHO ARE FILIPINO CITIZENS, MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE DISABLED, RECOGNIZED AND ACCREDITED BY THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION (PSC), AND THE NATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMISSION, AND WHO HAVE REPRESENTED THE COUNTRY IN INTRENATIONAL COMPETTIONS.

SEC. 2. Section 4 of the Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC.4. Benefits and Privileges for National Athletes, NATIONAL ATHLETE WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETES, coach and trainer who is currently registered as such before the PSC shall be entitled to the following:

- (a) The grant of twenty percent (20%) discount from all establishments relative to the utilization of transportation services, hotels, and other lodging establishments, restaurants and recreation centers and purchase of medicine and sports equipment anywhere in the country;
- (b) minimum of twenty percent (20%) discount on admission fees charged by theaters, cinema houses and concert halls, circuses, carnivals, and other similar places of culture, leisure and amusement;
- (c) Free medical and dental consultations in private or public hospitals and similar establishments anywhere in the country and medical insurance program to be provided by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC).
- (d) A comprehensive social security program to be formulated by the Social Security System within one hundred eighty(180) days from the approval of their Act;
- (e) Priority in existing livelihood programs being undertaken by various government agencies subject to the guidelines and qualifications by the implementing body; and
- (f) Priority in national housing programs, affordable "pabahay" loans and other housing opportunities subject to the guidelines and qualifications set by the National Housing Authority (NHA) or the Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF).

Such privately- owned establishments shall enjoy tax credits equivalent to the discounts extended to the athletes.

The Bureau of International Revenue (BIR) shall, as soon as possible, provide for the rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act."

SEC. 3. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9064 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 5 Scholarships. - A national athlete, NATIONAL ATHLETE WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETE, who wins in an international competition or any one qualified member of his/her immediate family within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity shall be entitled to scholarship benefits in the form of tuition fees in state colleges and universities in order to complete a college or university degree. The winning national athlete, NATIONAL ATHLETE WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETE shall likewise be given priority in the availment of state college and university scholarship grants.

Likewise, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Technical Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA) shall give priority to winning national athletes, **NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETES**, who seek scholarship grants and study under their programs subject to the qualifications for all applicants.

Private colleges and universities shall likewise be encouraged to adopt a similar program in their institutions for winning national athletes, **AND NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETES.**"

SEC.4. Section 6 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 6. Retirement Benefits. – Any national athlete, **NATIONAL ATHLETE WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY – ABLED ATHLETE**, coach and trainer who wins in an international competition or has coached or trained such winning national athlete, **NATIONAL. ATHLETE WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHELETE** shall receive a lump sum amount equivalent to twenty-five (25%) of his/her total cash incentives computed from the start of his/her active sports career as a member of the national training pool or national coaches and trainers pool up to the last day or retirement from active competition or training as certified by the PSC. Such lump sum amount shall be extended sixty (60) days after the filing of the retirement papers.

SEC. 5. Section 7 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC.7 Death Benefits. – Upon the death of any national athlete, **NATIONAL ATHLETE WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY –ABLED ATHLETE**, coach and trainer, his/her primary beneficiaries shall be entitled to a lump sum benefit of Thirty thousand pesos (P30,000.00) to cover for his/her funeral services: Provided, That if he/she has no primary beneficiaries, his/her secondary beneficiaries shall be entitled to said benefits.

For purposes of this Act, primary beneficiaries shall refer to the legitimate spouse, legitimate or illegitimate children. Secondary beneficiaries shall refer to the parents, and in their absence, to the brothers or sisters of such athlete, coach and trainer."

SEC.6. Section 8 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows;

SEC. 8. Cash Incentives for National Athletes, NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETES.- National athletes, **NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED 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 Medalist

- (1) Five million pesos (5,000,000.00) for Olympic **AND/OR PARALYMPIC** Games;
- (2) Two million five hundred thousand pesos (P2,500,00) for **ALL** quadrennial World Championships;
- (3) One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Asian Games and **PARA GAMES**.
- (4) One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000) for Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) **OR ASEAN PARA GAMES**;

(b) For silver medalists:

- (1) Two million pesos (P2,000,000.00) for Olympic **AND/OR PARALYMPIC** Games;
- (2) One million pesos (P1,000,000) for **ALL** quadrennial World Championships;
- (3) Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) for Asian Games **OR ASIAN PARA GAMES**.
- (4) Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000) for Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) **OR ASEAN PARA GAMES**;

(C) For bronze medalist:

- (1) One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Olympic **OR PARALYMPIC** Games;
- (2) Five hundred thousand pesos (500,000.00) for **ALL** quadrennial World Championships;
- (3) One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) for Asian Games. **THE ASIAN PARA GAMES STARTING 2010**;
- (4) Ten thousand pesos (P10,000) for Southeast Asian Games (SEA GAMES) **OR ASEAN PARA GAMES**.

B. TEAM EVENTS

For competitions with less than five (5) participants per team, the team shall receive the same cash awards for individual medal winners as herein provided, to be divided equally among the team members actually present during the competition.

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PARALYMPIC Games, winning national athletes, NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY- ABLED ATHLETES shall receive fifty percent (50%) of the cash awards for Olympic OR PARALYMPIC medalists as herein provided;

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C. AGE GROUP COMPETITIONS

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(A) FOR GOLD MEDALIST

- (1) THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P300,000.00) FOR ALL QUADRENNIAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS;**
- (2) ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS(P100,000.00) FOR ASIAN GAMES OR THE ASIAN PARA GAMES STARTING 2010;**
- (3) FIFTEEN THOUSAND PESOS (P15,000) FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES (SEA GAMES) OR ASEAN PARA GAMES.**

(B) FOR SILVER MEDALIST:

- (1) ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P150,000.00) FOR ALL QUADRENNIAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS;**
- (2) SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P75,000.00) FOR ASIAN GAMES AND/OR FESPIC, WHICH WILL BE HELD UNTIL 2006, TO BE REPLACED BY THE ASIAN PARA GAMES STARTING 2010;**
- (3) TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000) FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES (SEA GAMES) AND/OR ASEAN PARA GAMES.**

{ C) FOR BRONZE MEDALISTS:

(1)SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P 75,000.00) FOR ALL QUADRENNIAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS;

(2) FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00) FOR ASIAN GAMES AND/OR FESPIC, WHICH WILL BE HELD UNTIL 2006, TO BE REPLACED BY THE ASIAN PARA GAMES STARTING 2010;

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class competitors. Said fund shall be administered by the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)."

SEC. 10. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT**

June 8, 2011; 1:30 p.m., Conference Room No 9&10
House of Representatives

PRESIDING CHAIRMAN:

REP. RENATO J. UNICO, JR. – Chairman, Committee on Youth and Sports Development

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Johnny G. Tan	President, Batangas Racing Circuit Association
Mr. Nelson S. Gayola	Managing Head-Communications Group Batangas Racing Circuit Association
Mr. Rodini R. Rivera	Manager-Race Operations Group Batangas Racing Circuit Association
Mr. Elson Carpio	Clerk of Course- Batangas Racing Circuit Association
Mr. Robert Macapagal	President and CEO- AERO MED
Mr. Macky Carapiet	President-National Motorcycle Sports & Safety Ass.
Mr. Gilbert Limjoco	Road Safety Committee Chairman Motorcycle Development Program Participants Ass., Inc.
Mr. Ricardo Garcia	Chairman, Philippine Sports Commission
Mr. Butch Andrada	Commissioner, Philippine Sports Commission
Mr. Gregorio A. Buncio	Father of Maico Greg Buncio
Mr. Aries Padiernos	Motorcycle Racer
Mr. Franco Madlangbayan	Clark Development Corporation
Mr. Richard Morga	Clark Development Corporation
Ms. Cristina Roa Puno	TV News 5 Sports Show Host

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

The Chairman of the Committee on Youth and Sports Development, Rep. Renato J. Unico, Jr, called the meeting to order at 1:44 p.m. Upon motion of Rep. Mark Aeron Sambar, and duly seconded by Rep. Raymond Palatino, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Upon motion of Rep. Sambar, and duly seconded by Rep. Palatino, the Committee approved the Minutes of the meeting held on May 31, 2011.

III. PRELIMINARY REMARKS OF THE CHAIRMAN

At the outset, the Chairman mentioned that the Committee hoped for the approval of the three measures in the agenda, as follows:

- (1) HB No. 4440, in consolidation with HB Nos. 346 and 2188 which seeks to amend the Charter of the Philippine Sports Commission;
- (2) Substitute bill to HB 3164, which seeks to institutionalize the Palarong Pambansa; and
- (3) Substitute bill to HB Nos. 939, 1578, 2662, 4025 and 4320 which seeks to amend certain sections of the National Athletes, Coaches and Trainers Benefits and Incentives Act of 2001.

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MEMBERS AND RESOURCE PERSONS

Upon the instruction of the Chairman, the Committee Secretary acknowledged the presence of the resource persons and guests present in the meeting. The Chairman likewise acknowledged the presence of members present.

V. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MEASURES

- (1) HB No. 4440, in consolidation with HB Nos. 346 and 2188

PSC Chairman Ricardo Garcia

- In order to ensure that international standards are being met, he proposed that the PSC should be consulted on the technical specifications of certain sports venues and facilities which will be funded by the government and constructed for the conduct of the Palarong Pambansa and any other sporting events. He said that the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is the government agency implementing the construction of sports facilities.

Rep. Roberto Puno

- He concurred with the proposal of giving PSC the authority to give clearance if sports venues or facilities are at par with international standards. However, he also suggested that PSC shall likewise be held liable or responsible when negligence occurs or when safety standards are not met.

Rep. Elpidio F. Barzaga Jr.

- Proposed that PSC should pre-approve the construction of sports facilities being implemented by the DPWH in order to ensure compliance with the international standards.

Rep. Sigfrido Tinga

- Agreed that if the sports facilities and other venues would be used for the conduct of local and international sports events, PSC certification as a seal of approval is necessary. However, he raised concern that giving PSC the authority to oversee the construction of sports facilities would add to the bureaucratic red tape in securing construction permit.

Rep. Seth Frederick Jalosjos

- He concurred that PSC should be consulted on technical specifications of certain sports venues/ facilities citing that during the construction of a swimming pool for the Palarong Pambansa in Zamboanga del Norte, the host had no idea that swimming pool touchpad reduces the actual size of a pool.

Chairman Renato Unico Jr.

- Assured the body that all the suggestions raised will be considered as amendments to the bill specifically to the functions of the PSC.

Committee Action

- Upon the motion of Rep. Roberto Puno, and duly seconded by Edwin DL. Olivarez, HB No. 4440 was approved with amendments and in consolidation with HB Nos. 346 and 2188, subject to style;
- Upon the motion of Rep. Puno, and duly seconded, all the members present in the meeting were made co-authors of the said measure.

(2) Substitute Bill to HB No. 3164

Chairman Unico

- He mentioned that during the meeting held last May 31, 2011, the body agreed to include the following amendments:

- (a) On Section 9, Palarong Pambansa shall be conducted on a rotational basis in three geographical clusters: Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao;
- (b) On Section 17, inclusion of sports events for students with disabilities; and
- (c) On Section 22, an augmentation fund in the amount of not less than P200 million pesos shall be allocated for the infrastructure development.

Rep. Arnel Ty

- He proposed that Section 10 of the bill be amended to require host local government unit to set aside certain amount for the maintenance of the sports facilities constructed for the Palaro. PSC Chairman Garcia agreed to the proposal citing that most of the sports facilities after the conduct of the Palaro were not properly maintained and became white elephants. Chairman Unico suggested that part of the P200 million proposed budget for the Palaro should go for the maintenance of the sports facilities.

Committee Action:

- Upon motion of Rep. Puno, and duly seconded, the Substitute Bill to HB 3164 was approved with amendments, subject to style;
- Upon motion of Rep. Puno, and duly seconded, all members present in the meeting were listed as co-authors of Substitute Bill to HB 3164.

(3) Substitute Bill to HB Nos. 939, 1578, 2662, 4025, and 4320

Chairman Unico

- He mentioned that during the Committee meeting held last May 31, 2011 the body agreed to include athletes with disabilities (AWDs) in the definition of national athletes. AWDs therefore shall enjoy all the benefits and privileges being provided to regular athletes.

Committee Action:

- Upon the motion of Rep. Sambar, and duly seconded by Rep. Puno, the Substitute Bill to HB Nos. 939, 1578, 2662, 4025, and 4320 was approved with amendments, subject to style;
- Upon the motion of Rep. Puno, and duly seconded, all members present in the meeting were made co-authors of the Substitute Bill to HB Nos. 939, 1578, 2662, 4025, and 4320.

VI. Consideration of the following House Resolutions

(1) HR No. 1299 – A resolution Congratulating Mr. Jerson Patrombon as world Ranked No. 9, Junior Division, by the International Tennis Federation- Introduced by Rep. Edwin DL Olivarez

Rep. Edwin DL Olivarez:

- In his sponsorship remarks, he said that Mr. Patrombon should be given a congressional citation for his accomplishments in tennis for the past years. He noted that Mr. Patrombon was the first Filipino tennis player who reached the quarter finals in various competitions held in Australia, Thailand, Malaysia, and recently during the Mitsubishi tournament in the Philippines where he got the second place.

Chairman Unico

- He clarified the ranking of Mr. Patrombon where an update from International Tennis Federation stated that he ranked number 15, and not number 9, in the World. Rep. Olivarez replied that every week there is a change in the ranking because of the regular tournaments being held around the world. Rep. Olivarez also mentioned that Jerson will play in the Wimbledon Grand Slam Tournament, and the youngest player who will compete in New Zealand.

Committee Action:

Upon motion of Rep. Sambar, and duly seconded by Rep. Frederick Jalosjos, HR No. 1299 was adopted subject to style.

- (2) Consideration of House Resolutions No. 1284, entitled: "Resolution inquiring into the circumstances surrounding the death of motorcycle racing champion Maico Greg Buncio"; and House Resolution No. 1289, entitled: "Resolution to inquire, investigate and study the untimely demise of national superbike champion Maico Greg Buncio"

Preliminary Remarks from the Chairman

In his sponsorship remarks, Chairman Unico stated that the intent of HR No. 1284 was not to establish the culpability of any person involved in the fateful incident but to look into the circumstances that claimed the life of one of our athletes with the end in view of determining whether safety standards have been followed, and in the absence thereof, the

Committee would like to craft meaningful legislation to ensure the safety of the riders/athletes. At the outset, he pointed out that PSC should be mandated to regulate all organized sporting events in the country by requiring them to secure permit or clearance from the Commission. He also noted that the date of the time trials was on May 14, 2011, and not May 21, 2011.

Preliminary Statements from the Resource Person

Mr. Gregorio A. Buncio, father of the late Maico Buncio, expressed gratitude to the Committee for conducting the inquiry and hoped that it could eventually make laws to regulate the motorcycle racing in the Philippines. He said that safe riding was the advocacy of his son but it was ironic that he died on the race track. He alleged that Maico's death was due to the injury he sustained from the protruding corrugated steel bars which was attached to the safety barrier under construction inside the race track. He also blamed the paramedics who pulled his son from the steel bars that penetrated his body. Being a former racer, he sought the help of the Committee to establish a regulatory body that shall govern the conduct of motorcycle sports in the country. Particularly, Mr. Buncio raised the need to address the following concerns, to wit:

- (1) Formulation and Implementation of safety rules for the racetrack, race-courses, riders and viewing public, in general;
- (2) Insurance coverage of motorcycle racers;
- (3) Calendaring of motorcycle and other racing events in different dates; and
- (4) Availability of at least two ambulances and a competent medical doctor in every racing event.

Deliberation Proper

On queries from Chairman Unico, PSC Chairman Garcia stated that motorcycle sports is considered a professional sport if the event was organized for prize money; whereas the same falls under the category of amateur sports if only honor or trophy is at stake. In this particular event at hand, he could not confirm whether the event involved prize money or just a trophy. He also noted that PSC's charter does not give the Commission the authority to issue race permits. He mentioned that it is the National Motorcycle Sports & Safety Association (NAMSSA), being the sole agency recognized by the international body and the Philippine Olympic Committee that oversees motorcycling sports in the country and issues safety permits for motorcycle race events. In reply to Cong. Barzaga's query, he said that there is no government agency regulating NAMSSA, the latter is merely required to secure mayor or police permit to conduct race events. He then suggested that PSC's charter be made clear to expressly include in its mandate the issuance of safety permits to race organizers.

Rep. Lucy Torres-Gomez proposed for a separate body regulating the motorcycle racing in view of the dangerous nature of the motorcycle sports even if the races are held in a controlled environment. She believed that PSC might be spreading itself thinly in so far as regulating amateur sports in the country. Rep. Elpidio F. Barzaga Jr., on the other hand, opined that PSC's jurisdiction is comprehensive enough to cover all amateur sports in the country.

On queries from Chairman Unico, Mr. Stephan "Macky" Carapiet, NAMSSA President, said that NAMSSA was organized thirty-four (34) years ago, and has been duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a non-stock, non-profit organization. NAMSSA's mandate is derived from an International body i.e. *Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM)* which has two priorities: safety and regulation of motorcycle sports such as providing the formulas on distances, neutral zones on race tracks, medical facilities, rider gear, and safety of the spectators. In reply to Rep. Barzaga, he said that NAMSSA is holding motorcycle races without any approval/clearance/permit from any government authority in the Philippines but is required to secure police and mayor's permits before the conduct of the race.

Rep. Seth Frederick Jalosjos inquired whether it is mandatory for all track races to secure permit from NAMSSA. In reply, Mr. Carapiet asserted that it is optional for the organizer to approach NAMSSA, and should the latter sanction the event, it conducts track inspections and requires organizer to submit blue prints of track circuits. He added that for the time trials participated by Maico Buncio, NAMSSA did not sanction the said event. Rep. Jalosjos, however, noted that NAMSSA's logo was included in the race advertisements, and some riders had also confirmed that the said race was sanctioned by NAMSSA. Likewise, Rep. Jalosjos believed that Maico Buncio, being a professional rider himself, would not join the event unless it was NAMSSA accredited.

Batangas Racing Circuit (BRC) President, Mr. Johnny Tan, on the other hand, countered the statement of Mr. Carapiet citing that the race event in Clark was sanctioned by NAMSSA. To prove his claim, he submitted a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed between the BRC and NAMSSA where Mr. Carapiet had apparently affixed his signature. Mr. Tan also noted that the said MOA was duly notarized last May 12, 2011. On the other hand, Mr. Carapiet said that the MOA has been pending with BRC since November 2010 and NAMSSA has never received a notarized copy of the MOA, thus, he said that in legal terms, the MOA is in effect null and void. In view of the conflicting statements made by the resource persons, Rep. Barzaga moved that they be placed under oath so that appropriate action such as contempt or even perjury may be used against those who would not testify the truth. Chairman Unico, thereafter directed the Committee Secretary to administer the oath of Mr. Tan, Mr. Carapiet and Mr. Buncio.

Upon the request of Rep. Barzaga, Mr. Carapiet positively identified the signature affixed on his name in the MOA. Thereafter, Rep. Barzaga asserted that Mr. Carapiet was presumed to have read the contents of the MOA before affixing his signature, and he was therefore, duty-bound to comply with all the obligations under the MOA. He added that as usually practiced, the parties make preliminary negotiations before they enter into a MOA to discuss its contents. Mr. Carapiet, indeed, confirmed that negotiations were made since November 2010 but it was his first time to see the signed MOA.

As regards the race fees, Mr. Tan clarified that as stipulated in the MOA it was agreed that BRC had to collect racing driver license fee from the racers that would be turned over to NAMSSA. In reply to Rep. Barzaga, he said that the fees have yet to be turned over to the NAMSSA.

Rep. Seth Frederick Jalosjos expressed disbelief that NAMSSA was not aware when such big race event took place in Clark. Mr. Carapiet, however, reiterated that he had no knowledge of that particular race event; he added that NAMSSA had neither received any application for a permit nor any payment for the license fee. Thus, since it has no jurisdiction to speak of he did not send a representative to inspect the Clark Circuit. Mr. Tan, however, refuted the statements made by Mr. Carapiet and presented to the Committee copies of e-mail thread from Mr. Carapiet which showed messages giving instructions to BRC about the said race, acknowledgement of the race schedule, instructions to include NAMSSA in all the newspaper releases, and a note informing BRC that all races henceforth should be sanctioned by the NAMSSA. Mr. Buncio likewise testified that team Suzuki advised Maico that NAMSSA had already sanctioned the said event.

On the query of Rep. Torres, Mr. Tan informed the body that in case the event is not sanctioned by the NAMSSA, the Automotive Association of the Philippines (AAP) sends its people to conduct the circuit inspection. During the time trials on May 14, 2011, the circuit was inspected by Mr. Rodini Rivera, BRC Race Operations Director.

Rep. Dimaporo, upon discovery that Mr. Carapiet is a UK citizen and is holding a UK passport, suggested that the Committee should draft a legislation that would accredit a body which shall be governed by Filipino citizens that would regulate, sanction and implement safety guidelines of the motorcycle sports. PSC Chair Garcia stressed that since the NAMSSA is the only agency licensed by the FIM on motor racing sports, the Commission has to deal with the association registered in accordance with Philippine laws, and not with individual personality. Chairman Unico, however, noted that in trying to formulate safety rules and regulations, the primordial concern should be the welfare of our Filipino athletes.

Rep. Sambar commented that since NAMSSA has been in existence since 1994, NAMSSA could have done inspections on the race tracks even before the conduct of races. Mr. Tan noted that Mr. Carapiet made the inspections only six days after Maico's accident. Mr. Buncio, however,

presumed that since there was no representative from NAMSSA, the race organizer was the one responsible for the race track inspection. Chairman Unico remarked that it is the paramount consideration to identify which agency has jurisdiction to regulate the motorcycle sport; he thereafter, informed the body that the Committee should invite the Games and Amusements Board in the next hearing.

Reps. Barzaga and Puno inquired whether reports about the presence of sand, debris and concrete safety barriers with three protruding steel bars in the race circuit were true. In reply thereto, Mr. Tan said that neither the Race Operation Director who inspected the race circuit nor the riders who started the qualifying time trial reported seeing protruding steel bars in the race track. Mr. Tan theorized that the impact of Maico's crash moved the tire barrier and dislodged the connecting steel bars to come out from the concrete barriers. Mr. Gregorio Buncio, on the other hand, said that from their paddock, he and some members of the Suzuki team noticed that there was a white smoke just beneath the motorbike of Maico. He added that they were certain of the presence of the sand or heavy debris on the race track because if it was just a dust the smoke could have been higher. The smoke, he said, caused the rear tire of Maico's bike to slip from the edge of the circuit and dropped him 3 to 4 inches down the circuit; his bike wobbled and threw Maico away from the bike. In reply to Rep. Puno, Mr. Buncio said that he saw that concrete safety barrier which has protruding steel bars struck Maico's body but his son was still conscious and moving when he reached Maico. He further asserted that the paramedics who pulled Maico's body from the steel bar caused more harm to Maico. Rep. Puno, on the other hand, alleged that the steel bar was probably already exposed by the time Maico's body hit it, otherwise, the tire blocking the track should have been placed somewhere between the body and the concrete barrier.

Mr. Aries Padiernos, one of the motorbike racers, testified that the accident happened during the warm-up time when Maico was about to take his second lap, and not during the actual race. He noticed that Maico who was going around from 220 to 230 kilometers per hour was riding a bit unstable despite the absence of debris on the track. He added that another racer, Mr. Andrei Ursal, described that Maico's bike seemed to have no traction on the track which caused Maico to swerve into the gravel and asphalt and threw him off the bike. Mr. Padiernos said that a red flag was shown to stop the practices and he called the ambulance when he noticed that Maico was not moving at the time. In reply to Chairman Unico, he said that racers even for race practice are asked to sign a waiver upon entering the race track.

Rep. Barzaga mentioned that there were reports that the Clark Speedway was still under construction when the BRC conducted its race. He pointed out that similar to the construction of a building, if the racetrack was not yet completely constructed, and BRC has yet to submit its "As-Built Plans" (also referred to as -As Constructed Final Plans-), then BRC had no authority to use the race circuit. Mr. Tan replied that the building permit is different from the racetracks as the CDC issues racetrack permit based not on the whole plan but

by section; and during the time of the race event the construction of the pit and paddock was still ongoing. A medical facility, he added, was also in the building plans.

Mr. Frank Madlangbayan, CDC Vice President for Operations testified that BRC indeed applied for a "portion-by-portion" building permit and the same was approved by its building official, Architect Angel Pineda. He added that support facilities are still being constructed and are subject to the requirements of application for building permit.

In reply to Chairman Unico's query, Mr. Tan said that the paramedics from the AEROMED were the ones who gave first-aid treatment to Maico. He added that it was stipulated in the MOA that BRC should be responsible to provide ambulances during the races, thus, it subcontracted the AEROMED- an ambulance transport accredited by the Automotive Association of the Philippines.

AEROMED President and CEO, Mr. Robert Macapagal, manifested that his team was tapped by the organizer to provide one ambulance service and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) during the two-day event. Registered nurses and EMTs attended to Maico during the accident, and when they found that he was still conscious, they transferred him to the stretcher, pulled his collar, applied oxygen and transported him to St. Raphael Hospital which was approximately five minutes away from the race venue. He noted that Maico was still conscious and alive when he reached the hospital.

Mr. Richard Morga, a British rider who witnessed the accident gave some detailed account of how the paramedics attended to Maico. He said that he was the first person who approached Maico right after the accident and saw him still alive and breathing. He motioned for the ambulance to come in, and got back to Maico to advise him to keep still. When the marshall arrived, the ambulance was not yet in the site, he then asked the marshall to get the ambulance as he found Maico in a bad situation. He testified that he saw the bars protruding into Maico's body, two above him and he was lying on the ground. Meanwhile, the paramedics came and when he heard Maico groaning he turned around to see that the paramedics were pulling Maico off the bar, turned him over, took off his helmet, put on a neck brace, transferred him to the ambulance and left the race track. He asked the paramedics if it was indeed advisable to remove the helmet but he was told that they were in a hurry and needed to take Maico as quickly as they could.

In reply to Rep. Puno, Mr. Tan confirmed the deaths of two other racers in Batangas Racing Circuit and Carmona Race Track who died allegedly of heart attack. Rep Puno refuted his statement citing that he received a report that there were already five casualties in Mr. Tan's race track.

Rep. Torres moved to suspend the operations of Clark Speedway pending the outcome of the Committee's investigation and suggested that the PSC should review if motorcycle sports could be included under its regulatory power.

PSC Chairman Garcia likewise suggested to stop all the motorcycle races until a regulatory body that shall issue safety permit is formed. Chairman Unico, however, suggested that since the Committee could not identify any government agency that would regulate motorcycle sports, PSC should be given authority for the meantime to inform all race track owners to temporarily suspend the holding of motorcycle races until such time that safety guidelines are in place. Rep. Dimaporo, on the other hand, opined that the Committee should not decide hastily on the suspension of all the race events as organizers may have already entered into some contracts and the Committee should therefore respect those agreements. She then suggested that the Committee begin discussions on identifying or instituting a body that would regulate motorcycle sports in the country. Chairman Unico noted the suggestion of Rep. Dimaporo citing that the Committee has no jurisdiction to intervene on existing contracts but meanwhile enjoined the PSC to look into the matter. He also delegated the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Oversight, Rep. Sambar, to further study how safety guidelines on the conduct of motor sports can be put in place.

Sports Talk Show Host, Ms. Cristina Puno, attested to Maico's character outside the track. As an advocate of safe race who believed that racing should always happen within the raceway and not on the streets, she found him to be very disciplined, respectable, and impressionable athlete. Maico's sudden loss, she said, was a big loss for the country.

In reply to Chairman Unico, Mr. Tan informed the Committee that they voluntarily closed all its five race tracks; and its races have been suspended since May 15, 2011. Rep. Barzaga raised concerns that there are no safety standards currently being implemented once the racetracks are reopened. Chairman Unico asked Mr. Tan to assure the Committee that once his race tracks are reopened the same will conform to the safety standards to be set by the PSC. Mr. Tan replied that after evaluating the safety of the race tracks, they would ask the riders' union to give their inputs and submit the same to NAMSSA for its approval. NAMSSA would be given a timeline for approval and will be requested to inspect the tracks before they open it for racing.

Rep. Barzaga requested for the pictures or video footages on the incident so that the Committee could be properly guided as to what course of action should be done in view of the conflicting statements made by the resource persons. Secondly, considering the manifestation of Mr. Tan, he moved that the Committee be furnished with the developments on the implementation of safety measures on motor sports races. Thirdly, he moved that the Committee be invited to look into the improvements done during the final inspection of the NAMSSA.

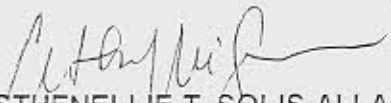
In reply to Chairman Unico, Mr. Tan agreed to give the Committee a chance to conduct an ocular inspection before reopening the race tracks. On the concerns of PSC Chair to likewise supervise the race events organized outside of Mr. Tan's race tracks, Chairman Unico requested NAMSSA to furnish the

Committee a list of all the existing race tracks so that owners will be informed of the new safety measures/ requirements on motorcycle sports.

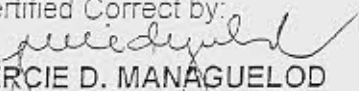
VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matters to be discussed, the Committee adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

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