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HOUSE BILL NO. 746



Introduced by Representative Harlin Cast. Abayon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks for the establishment of a community fitness center in every barangay that will serve as venue for physical fitness, wellness program, and sports activities of all the residents of the barangay.

This measure was previously filed by Senator Villar in the 15th Congress. Approval of this bill is earnestly sought now in the 16th Congress.


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AN ACT
TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING AND HEALTH OF THE CITIZENS THROUGH
THE CREATION OF COMMUNITY FITNESS CENTERS IN ALL BARANGA YS
NATIONWIDE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the municipal or city health officer, a community fitness center in every barangay nationwide. The community fitness center shall provide physical fitness programs, trainings and sports activities. It shall likewise provide free seminars to would-be physical fitness leaders and trainers in the barangay.

SECTION 2. The municipal or city mayor shall, upon the recommendation of the local health board of the municipality or city where the center is located, appoint a full time fitness instructor who will manage the center.

SECTION 3. The Fitness Coordinator shall receive a monthly compensation of not less than Ten thousand pesos (P10, 000.00) to be charged to the annual appropriations of the Municipal or City Health Office where the center shall be attached.

SECTION 4. The Fitness Coordinator shall perform the following functions:

- a) Formulate criteria for the selection of qualified individuals for training and accreditation as physical fitness instructors in the center;
- b) Introduce and implement varied physical fitness and sports competition within the barangay;
- c) Conduct consultation with the residents of the barangay in identifying any physical fitness activity and sports program that shall be implemented by the center;
- d) Oversee and ensure the continuous and effective implementation of the physical Fitness activities and sports program undertaken by the center; and

e) Disseminate proper information on the policy and objective of their physical fitness and sports activities to encourage the active participation of all the residents of the barangay.

SECTION 5. The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of the Interior and Local Government. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the community fitness centers shall be included in the annual budget of the city or municipality where the community fitness center is located.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,