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Introduced by:  
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Constitution explicitly provides that the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.

Pursuant to this Constitutional mandate, the establishment of a sports academy will encourage the people, particularly the youth, to indulge in sports activities. This will certainly be of great help in doing away with hazardous vices that will destroy the moral fiber of the citizenry. Sports-minded citizens are those who are good-nurtured and disciplined people that we direly need in our society.

It is therefore the paramount objective of this bill to establish a sports academy and training center in the Municipality of Dapa in Siargao Island in the Province of Surigao del Norte if only to realize the noble objectives as reflected in the above quoted Constitution mandate.

For the foregoing reasons, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING THE SIARGAO ISLAND SPORTS ACADEMY AND TRAINING**  
**CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAPA, SURIGAO DEL NORTE AND**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

*SECTION 1.* There shall be established in the Municipality of Dapa in Siargao Island, Province of Surigao del Norte, a sports academy to be known as the *Siargao Island Sports Academy and Training Center*, which shall be constituted as the primary sports development and training center for Surigao del Norte and the neighboring provinces as well.

*SECTION 2.* The Province of Surigao del Norte, in coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), shall take the necessary steps to upgrade, improve facilities, equipment and personnel and incorporate or consolidate them into the newly created sports academy and training center. The provincial government of Surigao del Norte, in coordination with the PSC, shall create the necessary programs and competitions, as well as the systems by which the facilities are maintained and managed in order to accomplish the objectives and purpose of this Act.

*SECTION 3.* The construction, establishment and operation of the Siargao Island Sports Academy and Training Center shall be funded by the Provincial Government of Surigao del Norte, by other funds that may be available for allocation by the district representative, and such funds as may be granted by

the PSC or by the Office of the President. In addition, grants and endowments may be obtained from local or foreign sources intended for sports development.

*SECTION 4.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.