

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2393



Introduced by REP. ANTHONY G. DEL ROSARIO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a sports academy in Davao del Norte that shall be constituted as the primary sports development and training center for the region's athletes, coaches and other sports personnel. It is envisioned to make Davao del Norte as the regions Sports center and the country's ultimate sports outpost.

The 1987 Philippine Constitution declares under Sec. 17 of Art. II that:

The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development

It also provides under par. 1, Sec. 19 of Art. XIV 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.

The proposed measure seeks to encourage wider appreciation of sports and physical fitness in the Davao Region, giving emphasis on grassroots sports development and participation. It aims to draw it's people into activities that will not only improve physical and mental health but also foster camaraderie and unity in the process.

By providing the athletes with fully equipped sports facility, equipments and scientific sports programs, their chances of winning in local and international competitions will be enhanced. This bill aims to provide a venue that will encourage, discover, train, educate and develop potential athletes from far flung provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays who will bring pride and honor to the country. It brings into fruition the aspiration of making the Davao region as a force to reckon with in sports.

This bill envisions an institution that will provide support and inspiration to enable potential athletes to combine their sport and academic/working careers while training intensively in pursuit of world class sports excellence.

Aside from it's goal of establishing Davao del Norte as the region's sports mecca, it also aims to provide a venue that will encourage and promote sports tourism that will generate livelihood and employment for the people and contribute in the economic growth in the area.

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



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HOUSE BILL NO. **2393**

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AN ACT
TO ESTABLISH THE DAVAO SPORTS ACADEMY IN THE CITY OF TAGUM,
DAVAO DEL NORTE, TO BE LOCATED IN THE DAVAO DEL NORTE SPORTS AND
CULTURAL CENTER AND ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREFOR

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the Davao del Norte Sports and Cultural Center, in Tagum City, Province of Davao del Norte, the Davao Sports Academy, which shall be constituted as the primary sports development and training center for the Davao Region.

SEC. 2. The provincial government of Davao del Norte, in coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), shall take the necessary steps to upgrade, improve and modernize existing facilities, equipment and personnel of the Davao Sports Academy, as and when necessary, in order to attain the objectives and purposes of this Act.

The provincial government of Davao del Norte, in coordination with the PSC, shall create the necessary training programs and competitions, as well as the system by which the facilities are maintained and managed in order to accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Act.

SEC.3. The construction, establishment and operation of the Davao Sports Academy shall be funded by the provincial government of Davao del Norte, and by other funds that may be allocated by the representative of the congressional districts of the province and other legislators, and such funds as maybe granted by the PSC and by the Office of the President. In addition, grants and endowments maybe obtained from local or foreign sources intended for sports development.

SEC. 4. Donations of real and personal properties of all kinds extended by individuals, organizations, institutions or entities whether public or private to the sports academy shall be tax exempt and shall be expended exclusively to achieve the purposes of this Act.

SEC.5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after it's publication in a newspaper of general circulation.