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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **2597**



Introduced by Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Excellence in sports, locally or internationally, does not exist in a void.

The case of the Philippine Dragon Boat Federation team that won in the 10th International Dragon Board Federation World Championships in Tampa Bay, Florida with a sparkling five (5) gold and two (2) silver could not have been, and is most certainly not, a Pyrrhic victory.

The team, rightly or wrongly, on account of badly construed nay wrongly applied accreditation criteria by the very sports commission that should have simply operationalized its vision to increase participation in sports by Filipinos actually – received nothing in government subsidy or any loose change.

And yet, Philippine Dragon Boat Federation won thereby showcasing the world class talents of Filipinos and making every Filipino, not the least, the Office of the President, extremely proud for every member of that team.

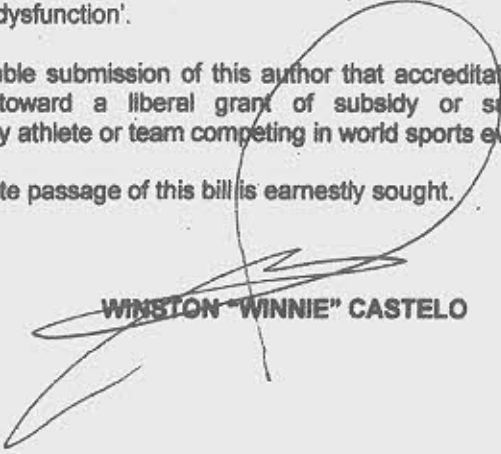
The team, consisting of men from the Philippine Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Air Force at that, is not one drop of doubt, Philippine-representative not just in the military front but more so in the sporting world.

Whether the Philippine Sports Commission or that of the Philippine Olympic Committee recognizes the team as national athletes or not ceases to be of any moment to the fact that Philippine Dragon has just validated its status as a global power in the sport.

Matters worse, the indicative if not deliberate nonchalance of PSC, reason for zero government subsidy in a competing Philippine team, speaks volumes of 'agency dysfunction'.

It is the humble submission of this author that accreditation shall be loosely regulated toward a liberal grant of subsidy or support from government for every athlete or team competing in world sports events.

The immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
MANDATING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION TO LOOSELY REGULATE
ACCREDITATION TOWARD A LIBERAL GRANT OF GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY AND
SUPPORT TO EVERY LEGITIMATE ATHLETE OR TEAM COMPETING IN SPORTS
COMPETITION ABROAD AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The Philippine Sports Commission is hereby mandated to loosely regulate accreditation by any legitimate athlete or team that would compete in sports competition abroad and the liberal grant of corresponding government subsidy and support.

SEC. 2. In order to truly serve as prime catalyst and advocate for the promotion of Philippine sports, the Commission shall create equitable opportunities in sports by every legitimate athlete or team participating in international sports competitions by a loosely regulated accreditation system.

SEC. 3. The Philippine Sports Commission shall issue appropriate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

