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HOUSE BILL No. **2907**



Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE EMI CALIXTO-RUBIANO**

Explanatory Note

The 1987 Constitution highlights the importance of sports in nation building. Under Article II on Declaration of State Policies particularly in Section 17, it provides 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."

This proposed bill is a re-filed measure from the 15th Congress (House Bill No. 06907) per Committee Report No. 02694 submitted by the Committee on Youth and Sports, filed by Honorable Mark Aeron H. Sambar as principal author. This measure was approved on Second Reading last 06 February 2013 during the last Congress.

This representation deems it appropriate to re-file said proposal since it promotes the institutionalization of a program that would cater to the needs of the athletes thereby giving them the fair and just reward they deserve in their struggle to give pride and honor to our country. The benefits proposed under the measure includes, among others, the grant of twenty percent (20%) discount from all establishments relative to utilization of transportation services, hotels, and other lodging establishments, restaurants and recreation centers and purchase of medicine and sports equipment; coverage from Philhealth; free medical and dental consultations in government hospitals; and priority in national housing programs.

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

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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

SECTION 1 . Section 3 of Republic Act No. 9064, otherwise known as "National Athletes, Coaches and Trainers Benefits and Incentives Act of 2001" 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:

(a) *National Athletes* - shall refer to athletes who are Filipino citizens, members of the national training pool, recognized and accredited by the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) and the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), **INCLUDING ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY WHO ARE RECOGNIZED AND ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE PHILIPPINES (NPC PHIL) AND THE PSC** and who have represented the country in international competitions;

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

(c) *International Competitions* - shall refer to international sports competitions which are sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) **OR BY THE INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE (IPC) AND/OR INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS PARTICIPATED IN BY NOT LESS THAN FORTY-FIVE (45) COUNTRIES, INCLUDING OTHER INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE PSC AND THE POC or COMPETITIONS** 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. "

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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)];

(c-I) COVERAGE IN THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (NHIP) OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH) THROUGH THE SPONSORED PROGRAM BY THE PSC, PROVIDED, THAT UPON REACHING THE AGE OF FIFTY-FIVE (55), THE ATHLETE, COACH AND TRAINER SHALL BE HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE PROGRAM, SUBJECT TO EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE PHIC;

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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 guidelines and qualifications set by the National Housing Authority (NHA) Or the Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF); **AND**

(g) USE OF LIVING QUARTERS AND REGIONAL TRAINING CENTERS WHICH SHALL BE SET UP MAINTAINED BY THE PSC FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF NATIONAL ATHLETES WHILE PREPARING AND TRAINING FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS. "

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

" Sec 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) Five Million Pesos (P5,000,000.00) for Olympic Games **OR ITS EQUIVALENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION PARTICIPATED IN BY NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY;**

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

(3) One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Asian Games **OR ITS EQUIVALENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION PARTICIPATED IN BY NATIONALATHLETES WITH DISABILITY;** and

(4) [One hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00)] **TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (200,000.00)** 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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For competition 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] **EACH TEAM MEMBER SHALL RECEIVE CASH AWARD EQUAL TO THE SHARE OF EACH TEAM MEMBER FOR COMPETITIONS WITH FOUR(4) PARTICIPANTS."**

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

Provided, [further,] **FINALLY**, That for SEA 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 placings in non-measurable events.

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

"SEC. 10-A. AVAILMENT OF BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES - THE ABOVE-MENTIONED BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES SHALL BE AVAILED BY ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS UPON PRESENTATION OF AN IDENTIFICATION CARD, RENEWABLE EVERYEAR. T O BE ISSUED B Y THE PSC.

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

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

- (1) FOR THE FIRST VIOLATION, A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIFTY THOUSAND P'ESOS (P50,000.00) BUT NOT EXCEEDING ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) OR IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAT SIX (6) MONTHS BUT NOT MORE THAT TWO (2) YEARS, OR BOTH AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT; AND**
- (2) FOR ANY SUBSEQ UENT VIOLATION, A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) BUT NOT EXCEEDING TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000.00) OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN TWO (2) YEARS BUT NOT MORE THAT SIX (6) YEARS, OR BOTH.**

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

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

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

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

SEC. 5. *Funding.* - The amount necessary for the implementation of the cash incentives and retirement benefits under 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.

SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, the PSC, in consultation with the POC NPC PHIL, DEPED, CHED, TESDA, SENATE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES and other concerned agencies, shall promulgate and issue the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) to carry out

the provisions of this Act. The IRR shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the publication in a major daily newspaper of general circulation.

SEC.7. *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.

SEC.8. *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 9. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,