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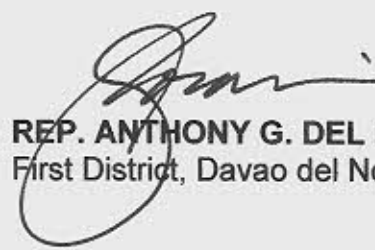
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Over the years, our national athletes as well as their respective coaches and trainers put in laudable hard work in the quest for glory. Some of them even forgo lucrative employment opportunities because of their passion for sports and drive to put the Philippines in the international sporting arena. Despite big hurdles such as limited resources, our national athletes manage to do our country proud.

This bill seeks to expand the coverage of RA 9064 otherwise known as "National Athletes, Coaches and Trainers Benefits and Incentives Act of 2001". While RA 9064 is a noteworthy legislative milestone, it only grants privileges to athletes in international sports competitions sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). It is proposed that similar recognition be given to national athletes who compete in international sports federations participated in by not less than 45 countries, including other sports competitions to be determined by the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and Philippine Olympic Committee (POC). Likewise, athletes with disability who are recognized and accredited by the National Paralympic Committee Philippines (NPC Phil) and the PSC and compete in sports competition certified by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) shall be also be considered "national athletes."

Further, it is appropriate that monetary benefits be increased as well to address the financial constraints that our national athletes are experiencing time and again.

In view of the forgoing reasons, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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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

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

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-1) 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 AND 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 5 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“ Sec. 5. *Scholarships* - A national athlete who wins **GOLD** in an international competition, **OR HIS OR HER QUALIFIED SPOUSE OR ANY ONE OF HIS OR HER CHILD** [any one qualified member of his/her immediate family within the fourth civil degree of consanguity] shall be entitled to scholarship benefits in the form of **FULL** tuition fees in state colleges and universities in order to complete a college or university degree. The winning national athlete shall likewise be given priority in the availment of state college and university scholarship grants.”

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SEC 4. Section 6 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 6. *Retirement Benefits*. - A national athlete [,coach and trainer] who wins **GOLD** in an international competition [or has coached or trained such winning athlete shall receive a lump sum amount equivalent to twenty-five percent (25%) of his/her total cash incentives computed from the start of his/her active sports career as member of the national training pool or national coaches and trainers pool up to the last day of retirement from active competition or training as certified by the PSC. Such lump sum amount shall be extended

sixty (60) days after the filling of the retirement papers.] , **UPON REACHING THE AGE OF FIFTY-FIVE (55), SHALL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING RETIREMENT BENEFITS:**

A. FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS – A LIFETIME MONTHLY PENSION OF AT LEAST TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00) FOR INDIVIDUAL WINNERS;

B. FOR TEAM EVENTS – A LIFETIME MONTHLY PENSION OF AT LEAST FIFTEEN THOUSAND PESOS (P15,000.00) FOR EACH TEAM MEMBER.

PROVIDED, THAT, FOR ATHLETES WHO WIN IN BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM EVENTS, THE RETIREMENT BENEFIT FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS SHALL APPLY.

PROVIDED, THAT ATHLETES WHO ARE ACTIVELY EMPLOYED AT THE TIME THEY REACH THE AGE OF FIFTY-FIVE (55) AND HAVE AVAILED OF THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER THIS ACT MAY CONTINUE WITH SUCH EMPLOYMENT: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER EXISTING LAWS. “

SEC. 5. Section 7 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 7. Death Benefits. – Upon the death of any national athlete, coach and trainer, his/her primary beneficiaries shall be entitled to a lump sum benefit of [Thirty Thousand Pesos (P30,000.00)] FIFTY THOUSAND (P50,000.00) to cover for his/her funeral services: *Provided, That, if he /she has no primary beneficiaries, his/her secondary beneficiaries shall be entitled to said benefits.*”

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SEC 6. 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)] **THREE MILLION PESOS (P3,000,000.00)** for quadrennial World Championships , **WORLD CUP AND WORLD GAMES;**

(3) [One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00)] **ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P1,200,000.00)** for Asian Games **OR ITS EQUIVALENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION PARTICIPATED IN BY NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY;** and

(4) [One hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00)] **TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000.00)** 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)]**ONE
MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS
(P1,200,000.00)** for quadrennial World Championships
, WORLD CUP AND WORLD GAMES;

(3)[Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00)]
SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P600,000.00) 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)]
SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P600,000.00) for
quadrennial World Championships, **WORLD CUP AND**
WORLD GAMES;

(3) [One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P1000,00.00)]
TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS
(P250,000.00) 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 competitions 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
medalists 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. "

SEC. 7. 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 EVERY YEAR, TO BE ISSUED BY 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 PESOS (P50,000) BUT NOT EXCEEDING ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000) OR IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS BUT NOT MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS, OR BOTH AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT; AND

(2) FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000) BUT NOT EXCEEDING TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000) OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN TWO (2) YEARS BUT NOT MORE THAN 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. 8. *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.

Such amount as may be necessary to carry out the other provisions of this Act shall be included in the budget of the PSC and concerned agencies in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 9. *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 10. *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 11. *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.

SEC. 12. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.