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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 19(1), Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution states that it is the policy of the State to "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 same Constitutional spirit is behind the enactment of Republic Act No. 9064 by the 11th Congress in 2001. This law grants cash and other non-monetary benefits and incentives to national athletes and their coaches. However, given the dynamic nature of international sports events, there were some unforeseen circumstances that the 13-year old law fails to address.

Such unforeseen circumstances include the creation of new international sporting events not covered by RA 9064. A recent example that highlights this situation is the case of world-class Filipino archer Gabriel Luis Moreno, who recently bagged the nation's first gold medal in the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China. Since the Youth Olympic Games was only introduced in 2010, the Philippine Sports Commission sadly announced that Moreno is not entitled to any cash incentive.

This bill aims to correct the error of the 11th Congress that strictly defined international competitions and thus barred national athletes competing in new sporting events from enjoying the benefits that they so deserve. The expanded definition of international competitions now allow unforeseen adjustments in international sporting events. A new retroactive provision also lets outstanding athletes like Moreno to receive monetary incentives once the amendments are passed into law.

In this light, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

**AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9064, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
“NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS BENEFITS AND
INCENTIVES ACT OF 2001” OR THE “SPORTS BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT
OF 2001”**

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

SECTION 1. Section 3(c) of Republic Act No. 9064, is hereby amended to read as
follows:

“c. International Competitions – shall refer to any of the following:

- i. Olympic Games – are international games sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), including but not limited to the Summer, Winter, Summer Deaflympic, Winter Deaflympic, Summer Paralympic, Winter Paralympic, and Youth Games. Future international games added and duly sanctioned by the IOC shall automatically be added to this list.
- ii. World Championships – are sports competitions or events open to various nations, as represented by their national teams and/or national athletes, which are generally considered as the highest achievement in the specific sport, such as, but not limited to, the FIBA Basketball World Cup.
- iii. Continental Games – are sports competitions or events which are held between nations within Asia, including continental championships in team sports that qualify one or several national teams to World Championship games or the Olympics.
- iv. Regional Games – are sports competitions or events which are held between nations within the region of Southeast Asia, including regional championships in team sports that qualify one

1 or several national teams to World Championship games or the
2 Olympics.

3 Competitions granting prize money or those held in honor of any
4 personality or sponsor shall not be included. In case a new international
5 competition is established in the future, the POC and the PSC shall be
6 the ones that will determine if said new competitions can be covered by
7 this Act.

8 **SECTION 2.** Section 8 of Republic Act No. 9064, is hereby amended to read as
9 follows:

10 "Section 8. *Cash Incentives for National Athletes.* – National athletes who win
11 gold, silver and bronze medals, or any equivalent of the same, in international
12 competitions, shall be entitled to cash awards in the following amounts:

13 A. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

14 a. For gold medalists:

- 15 1. Five million pesos (P5,000,000.00) for Olympic Games;
- 16 2. Three million pesos (P3,000,000.00) for World
17 Championships;
- 18 3. One million five hundred thousand pesos (P1,500,000.00)
19 for Continental Games; and
- 20 4. One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) for Regional
21 Games.

22 b. For silver medalists:

- 23 1. Two million five hundred thousand pesos (P2,500,000.00)
24 for Olympic Games;
- 25 2. One million five hundred thousand pesos (P1,500,000.00)
26 for World Championships;
- 27 3. Seven hundred fifty thousand pesos (P750,000.00) for
28 Continental Games; and
- 29 4. Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) for Regional Games.

30 c. For bronze medalists:

- 31 1. One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Olympic Games;
- 32 2. Seven hundred fifty thousand pesos (P750,000.00) for
33 World Championships;
- 34 3. One hundred fifty thousand pesos (P150,000.00) for
35 Continental Games; and
- 36 4. Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) for Regional Games.

37 B. " x x x

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41 x x x"

1 *Provided*, That for demonstration and exhibition sports in the Olympic
2 Games, winning national athletes shall receive fifty percent (50%) of the
3 cash awards for Olympic medalists as herein provided: *Provided; further*,
4 That for regional games such as the SEA Games, monetary incentives shall
5 be given starting 2001 to the winning athletes or teams who have equaled
6 or surpassed the existing game records or the previous placings in non-
7 measurable events: *Provided; further*, that monetary incentives in this Act
8 shall retroactively apply to national athletes or teams that won in new
9 international competitions that were introduced or were established after
10 the year 2001.

11 **SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.*** – If any section or provision of this Act shall be
12 declared unconstitutional, the remaining sections or provisions shall not be affected
13 thereby.

14 **SECTION 4. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
15 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,