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Explanatory Note

Sports and physical fitness play an important role in national development. No less than our Constitution provides in Article XIV, Section 19. (1) 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. It is therefore important to mainstream sports and physical fitness at the grassroots level preferably starting at the barangay level.

However, this noble aim is constrained by funding concerns what with the meager, if not absence of, allocation for sports development programs. The bill therefore aims to allocate a certain percentage of the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) to fund sports and physical fitness activities in local government units (LGUs).

As proposed, half of the 10% allocation in the IRA of LGUs for the youth or 5% of IRA shall be automatically allocated for sports and physical fitness development programs.

With this funding commitment, it will be easier for LGUs to help develop home-grown young talents who have the potential to excel in sports and at the same time promote a culture of physical fitness and healthy living amongst their constituents.

This dedicated funding for sports in LGUs is logical considering that it is the youth and the general population who will benefit, even as we continue to develop athletes who can represent and win medals for the country in international competitions.

It is for the abovementioned reasons that the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT ALLOCATING 5% OF INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT FOR
SPORTS AND PHYSICAL FITNESS ACTIVITIES IN LGUS**

SECTION 1. Title. – This Act shall be known as Grassroots Sports and Physical Fitness Financing Act.

SECTION 2. IRA share for Sports. – At least 50% of the current level of Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of Local Government Units allocated for the youth is hereby earmarked for sports and physical fitness programs of LGUs. *Provided,* that the sports and physical fitness fund shall be over and above that which may be provided by the Philippine Sports Commission and other National Government Agencies for sports.

SECTION 3. Funding Source. As provided for in the preceding section, the 5% of the total IRA share for Sports shall be sourced from the 10% IRA share set aside for the youth.

SECTION 4. Monitoring and Compliance. - The Department of Budget and Management, the Philippine Sports Commission, and the Department of the Interior and Local Government shall ensure that all Local Government Units comply with the provisions of this act and shall spend the allocation for programs, projects, and services that will promote and develop sports and physical fitness activities in their areas of coverage.

SECTION 5. Annual Report. - The Department of Interior and Local Government shall, within ninety (90) days after the end of every fiscal year, submit to Congress an annual report on their compliance with, or accomplishments under this act, as well as a complete accounting of funds disbursed in compliance with the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. All laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect Fifteen (15) days upon its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,