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HOUSE BILL NO. **4830**



Introduced by Honorable Michael L. Romero and Enrico A. Pineda

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The **Philippine Sports Commission (PSC)** was created through Republic Act No. 6847 in 1990 to serve as the "sole policy-making and coordinating body of all amateur sports development programs and institutions in the Philippines". Its primary function is "to provide the leadership, formulate the policies and set the priorities and directions of all national sports promotion and development, particularly giving emphasis on grassroots participation". The Commission's Asian Games Task Force is responsible for addressing the needs of the Philippine delegation in the run-up to the 2014 Asian Games.

The Philippine Sports Commission Act recognizes the role of Philippine Olympic Committee as an IOC affiliate as the National Olympic Committee for the Philippines. It also recognizes the autonomy of POC, and likewise states that all national Sports Associations (NSAs) shall be Autonomous, as well.

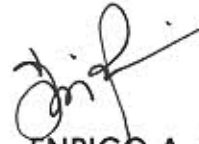
The Act also recognizes POC as primarily responsible for activities related to the country's participation in the Olympic Games (International Olympic Committee), Asian Games (Olympic Council of Asia), Southeast Asian Games (Southeast Asian Games Federation), and other international athletic competitions.

This House Bill seeks to provide additional organizational and operational funding to carry-out all the PSCs development programs and mandates.

Earnest approval of this bill is hereby requested.



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AN ACT
TO PROVIDE THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION (PSC)
ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL AND OPERATIONAL FUNDING, TO
SUSTAIN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS IN THE COUNTRY, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress Assembled:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy — It shall be the policy of the State to promote physical education, encourage and sustain the development of sports in the country to foster physical fitness, self-discipline, teamwork and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry through a unified national sports promotion and development program, and that the establishment and creation of a single, unified and integrated national sports policy-making body shall further this objective

SECTION 2. Funding – In order to provide the necessary funds required for the organizational and operational expenditures of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), the amount of One hundred million pesos (**₱100,000,000.00**) from the National Treasury is hereby appropriated:

*Provided, That operating expenses for the Commission itself shall not exceed twenty percent **(20%)** of the annual appropriation and that at least eighty percent **(80%)** of said annual appropriation and all of the national sports development funds, as hereinafter provided, shall be disbursed for the national sports program, particularly in support of the identification, recruitment and training of athletes in pre-regional, regional, national and international competitions.*

To finance the country's integrated sports development program, including the holding of the national games and all other sports competitions at all levels throughout the country as well as the country's participation at international sports competitions, such as, but not limited to, the Olympic, Asian, and Southeast Asian Games, and all other international competitions, sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee and the International Federations:

Thirty percent **(30%)** representing the charity fund and proceeds of six **(6)** sweepstakes of lottery draws per annum, taxes on horse races during special holidays;

Five percent **(5%)** of the gross income of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation, the proceeds from the sale of stamps as hereinafter provided; and

Three percent **(3%)** of all taxes collected on imported athletic equipment shall be automatically remitted directly to the Commission and are hereby constituted as the National Sports Development Fund.

Further, the Philippine Postal Service Office is hereby authorized to print paper and gold stamps which shall depict sports events and such other motif as the Philippine Postal Corporation (PPC) may decide, at the expense of the

Commission. Any deficiency in the financial requirements of the Commission for its sports development program shall be covered by an annual appropriation passed by Congress.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - The amount of One hundred million pesos (**P100,000,000.00**), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is there hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry into effect the provisions of this Act.

The amount necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of implementing agencies in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of the year following its enactment into law and every year thereafter.

The State shall hereby provide a separate authorize funding of One hundred million pesos (**P100,000,000.00**) to implement and to maintain the continuity of its mandate.

The state shall hereby authorize the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) to re-align its appropriations, in the current year of the date of the effectivity of this Act to conform with its mandate and requirements.

SECTION 4. Periodic Reports - The PSC shall submit periodic reports on its findings and make recommendations on actions to be taken by Congress and Senate and the appropriate department, and in order to carry out the objectives and mandates of this Act.

SECTION 5. Automatic Review - Every three **(3) years** after the effectivity of this Act, an independent review panel composed of experts to be appointed by the President shall review the policies and programs in the PSC and shall

make recommendations, based on its findings, to the President and to both Houses of Congress.

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

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. If, for any reason or reasons, any portion or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,