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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **5032**



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Introduced by REPS. ENRICO A. PINEDA, MICHAEL ODYLON L. ROMERO, PhD., RICARDO "RJ" T. BELMONTE, SABINIANO S. CANAMA, RON P. SALO, BENHUR B. LOPEZ, JR., TOMASITO S. VILLARIN, ANICETO BERTIZ, TEODORO G. MONTORO, SALVADOR B. BELARO, JR., BENHUR B. LOPEZ, JR., VIRGILIO S. LACSON, MAKMOD D. MENDING, CARLOS ROMAN L. UYBARRETA, ORESTES T. SALON and MANUEL LUIS T. LOPEZ

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

As in anywhere in the world, sports, competitive and otherwise, is a popular pastime for Filipinos, be them as spectators or the players themselves. Next to our wide menu of prime time telenovelas, professional basketball and volleyball games have been enticing viands of entertainment for Filipinos. Not a day would pass when a game or two is broadcasted over national television to the excitement of fans and audiences.

The increasing popularity of sports particularly of basketball and volleyball seem to have opened the opportunity for some enterprising individuals to make extra money by betting on its results. As one who bets does not want to be on the losing end, almost always, people would find means to influence the results most especially if the stakes are high. When praying to their favored saints and dancing to their colorful lucky charms do not deliver, game fixing comes into play.

There are many reported cases of game fixing in Philippine sports. Allegedly, it was the cause of the supposed hit on an athlete who according to stories did not perform the way he had been arranged he would. One professional basketball player called the attention of the public that there is game fixing in his sport. Despite circumstances that would point to game fixing as a reality in sports, legislation has yet to deal with this reprehensible act which most definitely affects adversely the competitive spirit of Filipino sport. In this regard, this bill seeks to define the crime of game fixing and deals it the appropriate penalty to discourage its commission.

Early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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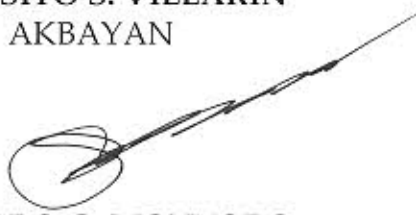


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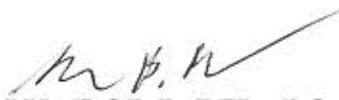
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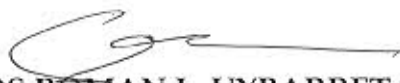


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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

**AN ACT  
DEFINING THE CRIME OF GAME-FIXING  
AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR**

Section 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the "Anti-Game-Fixing Act of 2017".

Section 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is the policy of the State to promote the growth and development of sports and to protect the people from insidious machinations that would taint on the fair and competitive conduct of sports in the country.

Section 3. *Game-Fixing.* Any person who, by himself or in conspiracy with others, for valuable consideration or monetary gain, maliciously conducts or cause to be conducted any game or sport, in a manner that would remove or otherwise undermine the competitive nature of the game or sport, in order to produce a pre-determined result, shall be guilty of game-fixing and shall be penalized with imprisonment of six (6) years and one (1) day to twelve (12) years and a fine of not less than **ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00)** but not more than **FIVE MILLION PESOS (P5,000,000.00)**.

Section 4. *Perpetual disqualification from participation in amateur and professional sports.* No person found guilty of game fixing shall be allowed to participate in any capacity whatsoever in any amateur and professional sports in the country.

Section 5. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, executive orders, administrative orders or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly

Section 6. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 7. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Adopted,