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HOUSE BILL NO. 6420

Introduced by Hon. Salvador B. Belaro Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our country is very rich in cultural tradition which tend to be slowly modified by the onslaught of modernization. Part of our rich cultural heritage are indigenous games such as *sepak takraw* and the like.

This bill seeks to preserve our indigenous games to ensure that future generations of Filipinos can still enjoy them and that they will be preserved despite the passage of time.

CONG. SALVADOR B. BELARO, JR.

Representative

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AN ACT
PRESERVING INDIGENOUS GAMES OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Philippine Indigenous Games Preservation Act of 2017”.

SECTION 2. The Constitution provides that the State shall recognize, respect and protect the rights of indigenous cultural communities to preserve and develop their cultures, traditions, and institutions.

SECTION 3. The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCAA), in coordination with the Department of Education, shall be mandated to initiate measures to preserve indigenous games in the country including the inclusion of such games in the appropriate part of the curriculum in the basic education system of our schools, the preservation of such games either by documentary or other useful means, and the holding of regular demonstration of such games in national events and in appropriate school activities.

SECTION 4. The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCAA), in coordination with the Department of Education, shall be tasked with promulgating the implementing rules of this Act.

SECTION 5. An initial amount of Twenty Million Pesos (P20,000,000.00) necessary for the implementation of this act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act upon the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 6. If any provision hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.