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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Sports is more than just a physical activity but it also promotes health, wealth and an active life style. Unfortunately, there are some highly competitive sports that pushes an athlete to cheat by using performance-enhancing drugs. The innovations for these drugs made it difficult to identify among its users. The administrative sanctions and applicable laws prohibiting the use of these drugs will not deter some athletes in using the same since there is no way that it can be detected.

This bill seeks to direct the Philippine Sports Commision to provide a program that will create a process, research and training methods in identifying and screening athletes for possible use of these substances. This measure will restore the image, integrity and honor of Philippine Sports as a whole.

Hence, this proposal is submitted for consideration.

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AN ACT
DIRECTING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A
PROGRAM TO SUPPORT RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN METHODS OF
DETECTING THE USE OF PERFORMANCE-ENHANCING DRUGS BY ATHLETES
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. **Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "Athletic Performance-Enhancing Drugs Research and Detection Act."

SEC 2. *Research and Detection Programs Established.* -

a) **IN GENERAL** - The Chairman of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), in coordination with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) shall establish and administer a program to support research into the use of performance-enhancing substances by athletes, and methods of detecting their use.

b) **GRANTS** -

(1) **IN GENERAL** - The program shall include grants of financial assistance, awarded on a competition basis, to support the advancement and improvement of research into the use of performance-enhancing substances by athletes, and methods of detecting their use;

(2) **BANNED SUBSTANCES** - In carrying out the program, the Chairman shall consider research proposals involving performance-enhancing substances banned from use by competitors in events sanctioned by organizations, such as the International Olympic Committee, the Philippine Olympic Committee, and other bodies.

(3) **RESEARCH CONCENTRATION** - In carrying out the program, the Chairman shall -

(A) fund research on the detection of naturally-occurring steroids, such as testosterone, and other testosterone precursors (e.g. androstendione), and other substances, such as human growth hormone and erythropoietin for which no tests are available but for which there is evidence of abuse or abuse potential;

(B) fund research that focuses on population studies to ensure that tests are accurate for men, women, all relevant age, and major ethnic groups; and

(C) Not fund research on drugs of abuse, such as cocaine, ohencyclidine, marijuana, morphine/codeine, benzodiazepines, barbiturates, and methamphetamine/amphetamine.

c) TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PEER REVIEW

(1) **IN GENERAL**- The Chairman shall establish appropriate technical and scientific peer review procedures for evaluating applications for grants under the program.

(2) **IMPLEMENTATION** - The Chairman shall –

(A) Ensure that grant applicants meet a set of minimum criteria before receiving consideration for an award under the program;

(B) Give preference to laboratories with an established record of athletic drug testing analysis;

(3) **CRITERIA** - The list of minimum criteria shall include requirements that each applicant

(A) Demonstrate a record of publication and research in the area of drug testing;

(B) Provide a plan detailing the direct transference of the research findings to lab applications in athletic drug testing; and

(C) Certify that it is a not-for-profit research program.

(4) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS** - There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to comply with requirements of this Act.

(5) **PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PROGRAMS**

a) **IN GENERAL**- The Chairman shall develop a grant program to fund educational substance abuse prevention and intervention programs related to the use of performance-enhancing substances by high school and college student athletes. The chairman shall establish a set of minimum criteria for applicants to receive consideration for an award under the program. The list of minimum criteria shall include requirements that each applicant - propose an intervention and prevention program based on methodologically sound evaluation with evidence of drug prevention efficacy; and

2) Demonstrate a record of publication and research in the area of athletic drug use prevention.

SEC 3. **Separability Clause.** - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provisions not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC 4. **Repealing Clause.** - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC 5. **Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

