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Introduced by: HON. LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MARINDUQUE SPORTS ACADEMY AND TRAINING CENTER IN BARANGAY BALIIS, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ IN THE PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As enunciated in Section 13 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, "[t]he State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs."

The 1987 Constitution also mentioned in Article II, Section 17 that "[t]he State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development."

Thus, the State is mandated to "promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competition, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry."¹

¹ The 1987 Philippine Constitution, Article XIV, Section 19 (1).

These provisions point out to the necessity of fostering sports development programs and training centers in the country, in order to promote the holistic well-being of the youth and everyone else. Also, to get the best available talent, the country must setup these training centers in the provinces where there are many untapped talents that can be reared and developed into world-class athletes. No less than the world-renowned Senator Manny Pacquiao came from the Province of South Cotabato in General Santos City.

Thus, the establishment of a Sports Academy and Training Center in the Province of Marinduque is sought after. Many communities in the Province of Marinduque will be rewarded from the creation of this Sports Academy and Training Center as it will help the locals to enjoy the benefits of sports. Moreover, young individuals which manifest potential to be great athletes will be given the appropriate training and rearing.

In view thereof, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

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20 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established in Barangay Baliis, Municipality of Sta.
21 Cruz, Province of Marinduque, a sports academy and training center to be known as the
22 "Marinduque Sports Academy and Training Center," which shall be constituted as the
23 primary sports development and training center for the Province of Marinduque.

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25 **SECTION 2.** The Office of the Congressman of Marinduque, the Provincial
26 Government of Marinduque and the Municipal Government of Sta. Cruz, in coordination
27 with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), shall take the necessary steps to upgrade,
28 improve and modernize existing facilities, equipment and personnel, and integrate them
29 into the newly-created Sports Academy and Training Center.

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31 The Office of the Congressman of Marinduque, the Provincial Government of
32 Marinduque and the Municipal Government of Sta. Cruz, in coordination with PSC, shall
33 create the necessary training programs, appropriate tournaments and competitions as

1 well as the system by which the facilities shall be maintained and managed in order to
2 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Act.

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4 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include the operation
5 of the Marinduque Sports Academy and Training Center in the Department's programs.
6 The funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

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8 **SECTION 4.** The PSC, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd),
9 the Office of the Congressman of Marinduque, the Provincial Government of
10 Marinduque, the Municipal Government of Sta. Cruz and other concerned stakeholders,
11 shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act
12 within ninety (90) days after its enactment into law.

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14 **SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
15 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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17 *Approved.*