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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The country has seen a rising enthusiasm and support for sports in recent years, especially for sporting events other than the more popular basketball and football. Our athletes have also been placing in global competitions, even garnering the highest awards, showing the international crowd the capabilities of our Filipino athletes. This was the intention of Republic Act No. 6847 in creating the Philippine Sports Commission—to support our athletes and allow them the opportunity to be outstanding in and out of the country.

As this enthusiasm is seen to grow even more in the coming years, it necessitates the stronger involvement of the Philippine Sports Commission in ensuring that the potential of our athletes is recognized and given adequate means for these opportunities.

This bill intends to strengthen the role of the Commission in sports development in the country. Grassroots development programs will be launched for both elite and amateur athletes to ensure that they are properly attended to, recognized and developed for their talents. Sports medicine and sports science services will now be provided, and facilities will be established and maintained in an aim to provide world-class training for athletes with potential. In addition, the Philippine Sports Institute, as the primary agency for any sports-related programs, is mandated to formulate education programs for athletes and coaches, as well as to oversee their performance. This is in hopes that both trainers and trainees are properly provided for.

The approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6847, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION ACT

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 6847 shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Title. – This Act shall be known as “The Expanded Philippine Sports Commission Act of 2018.

SECTION 2. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is 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 HUMAN development program, and that the establishment and creation of single, unified and integrated national sports policy-making body shall further this objective.

SECTION 3. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. Nature of the Commission. – The Commission shall exercise corporate powers. It shall have a seal, may sue and be sued, and shall be the sole policy-making and coordinating body of all amateur sports development programs and institutions in the Philippines: Provided, That in the case of the school sports development program, the same shall be formulated and implemented by the PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED) FOR THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AND [Culture and Sports (DECS)] COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) FOR THE TERTIARY EDUCATION.

IN ADDITION, THE COMMISSION SHALL ALSO IMPLEMENT AND FORMULATE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG)."

SECTION 4. Section 6 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 6. – Objectives of the Commission. – The objectives of the Commission are:

- (a) TO PROVIDE [the] leadership [, formulate the policies and set the priorities and direction of all national amateur sports promotion and development, particularly giving emphasis on grass-roots participation] IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORT IN THE PHILIPPINES;
- (b) To encourage [wide] INCREASED participation [of all sectors, government and private, in amateur sports promotion and development] AND IMPROVED PERFORMANCE BY FILIPINOS IN SPORT;
- (c) To [supplement government appropriations for sports promotion and development.] PROVIDE RESOURCES, SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO ENABLE FILIPINOS TO PURSUE AND ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE IN SPORT

- WHILE ALSO FURTHERING THEIR EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL SKILLS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THEIR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT;
- (d) TO IMPROVE THE SPORTING ABILITIES OF FILIPINOS GENERALLY THROUGH THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE STANDARD OF SPORT COACHES;
 - (e) TO FOSTER COOPERATION IN SPORT BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND OTHER COUNTRIES THROUGH THE PROVISION OF ACCESS TO RESOURCES, SERVICES AND FACILITIES RELATED TO SPORT; AND
 - (f) TO ENCOURAGE THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUNDING OF SPORT TO SUPPLEMENT ASSISTANCE BY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT.

SECTION 5. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 7. Functions of the Commission. [The Commission shall have the following functions] –

(1) THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION ARE:

- a. [Plan, implement and oversee an integrated amateur sports promotion and development program for the country, including the program for the Decade of Physical Fitness and Sports: 1990-2000, pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 406, in coordination with various sectors involved in sports, including among other, the Philippine Olympic Committee, the National Sports Associations, the public and private schools, government corporations and entities, the local governments, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and other sports organizations and private corporations] TO ADVISE THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IN RELATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORT;
- b. [establish and maintain linkages with international sports associations, national sports commissions or organizations of other countries, and international nongovernmental organizations whose main objective is

sports] TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORT;

- c. [plan and oversee a program to enable the Philippines to bid for and to host the Olympic Games at the earliest practicable time] TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE EQUALITY OF ACCESS TO, AND PARTICIPATION IN, SPORT BY ALL FILIPINOS;
- d. [establish, develop and maintain fully-equipped sports facilities and centers in strategic places in the country and, as far as practicable, such modern sports complexes adequate for major international competitions] TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE RECOGNITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF:
 - i. PERSONS WHO EXCEL OR WHO HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO EXCEL IN SPORT; AND
 - ii. PERSONS WHO HAVE ACHIEVE OR WHO HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO ACHIEVE STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE AS SPORTS COACHES, UMPIRES, REFEREES OR OFFICIALS, SPORTS PROFESSIONAL THAT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE CONDUCT OF SPORT;
- e. [Rationalize and regulate the establishment of publicly-funded sports complexes and supervise the management and maintenance thereof, excluding school or college-owned sports complexes] TO INITIATE, ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN RELATION TO SPORT;
- f. [Plan and formulate programs and review or evaluate, from time to time, the organizational set-up, projects and programs of the Commission] TO UNDERTAKE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT RELATED TO SPORTS SCIENCE AND SPORTS MEDICINE;
- g. [Develop and promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act, including rules to delineate and define areas of responsibilities of all sectors involved in sports promotion and development, respecting the individual set-up, priorities, structure and competence of the different government and private institutions] TO PROVIDE SPORTS MEDICINE SERVICES AND SPORTS SCIENCE SERVICES TO PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAMS OF THE COMMISSION;

- h. [Assist the proper government agency in the formulation of an industry incentives program for the manufacture in the Philippines of sports equipment and supplies of international standard in quality] TO ESTABLISH, MANAGE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE COMMISSION;
- i. [Provide such incentives, recognition and awards to deserving associations, athletes, referees, game officials, coaches, trainers and other persons or entities involved in or supporting sports development as may be permissible under the rules of amateurism] TO COLLECT AND DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION, AND PROVIDE ADVICE ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION;
- j. [Recommend and propose to the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, Department of Local Government and other government agencies and instrumentalities having sports programs, to incorporate in their respective annual budgets, a separate and specific budget for sports promotion and development] FOR THE PURPOSE OF FOSTERING COOPERATION IN SPORT BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND OTHER COUNTRIES, TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO PERSONS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES TO THE RESOURCES, SERVICES AND FACILITIES OF THE COMMISSION;
- k. [Conduct basic and applied research on sports development] TO CONSULT AND COOPERATE WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND WITH OTHER PERSONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION;
- l. [Conduct promotion and fund-raising campaigns in accordance with existing laws to achieve the purposes of the Commission] TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON MATTERS RELATED TO SPORTS TO THE SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS OR OTHER PERSONS, BODIES OR ASSOCIATIONS; AND
- m. [Encourage, promote and sustain the creation and establishment of regional, provincial, municipal and barangay or school district sports promotion and development councils, composed of officials of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, Department of Local

Government, local government officials, and representatives of the private sector, which shall initiate, conduct and coordinate sports activities in their respective jurisdictions;] TO COOPERATE WITH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SPORTING ORGANIZATIONS IN AIMING TO FOSTER AN ETHICAL SPORTING ENVIRONMENT THAT IS FREE FROM THE UNSANCTIONED USE OF PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS AND OTHER DOPING METHODS.

n. [Exercise such other acts as are incident to or are appropriate and necessary in connection with the creation of the Commission]

- (2) THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION MAY BE PERFORMED WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE PHILIPPINES
- (3) THE COMMISSION MAY PERFORM ANY OF ITS FUNCTIONS IN COOPERATION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED), COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED), ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (DND), DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH), ANY PERSON, ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION
- (4) SUBJECT TO SECTION 6, THE FUNCTION OF THE COMMISSION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(L) MAY BE PERFORMED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSION
- (5) THE COMMISSION MAY PERFORM ITS FUNCTIONS TO THE EXTENT ONLY THAT THEY ARE NOT IN EXCESS OF THE FUNCTIONS THAT MAY BE CONFERRED ON IT BY VIRTUE OF ANY OF THE LEGISLATIVE POWERS OF THE CONGRESS AND, IN PARTICULAR, MAY PERFORM ITS FUNCTIONS:
 - a. BY WAY OF EXPENDITURE OF MONEY THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN APPROPRIATION MADE BY CONGRESS;
 - b. FOR PURPOSES RELATED TO THE COLLECTION OF STATISTICS;
 - c. FOR PURPOSES RELATED TO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

SECTION 6. Section 11 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 11. *Powers of the Commission.* – The Commission has the power to do all acts and things necessary or convenient to be done for or in connection with the performance of its functions, [including] and, in particular, any:

- a. [To appoint the offices and other personnel of the Commission and fix their compensation subject to existing laws, rules and regulations] ENTER INTO CONTRACTS;
- b. [To delegate authority for the performance of any function to officers and employees under its direction] ACQUIRE, HOLD AND DISPOSE OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY;
- c. [To enter into contracts] OCCUPY, USE AND CONTROL ANY LAND OR BUILDING OWNED OR HELD UNDER LEASE BY THE GOVERNMENT AND MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE COMMISSION;
- d. [To acquire, use and control any land, building, facilities, equipment, instruments, tools and rights required or otherwise necessary for the accomplishment of the purposes of the Commission] MAKE GRANTS AND PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS OR LIKE BENEFITS;
- e. [To acquire, own, possess and dispose of any real or personal property] APPOINT AGENTS AND ATTORNEYS, AND ACT AS AN AGENT FOR OTHER PERSONS;
- f. [To regulate the acquisition, procurement, distribution and use of sportswear, equipment, instruments, tools and other sports necessities necessary and required for training of a national pool of athletes] ENGAGE PERSONS TO PERFORM SERVICE FOR THE COMMISSION;
- g. [To assist and support national associations in the implementation of Section 13 of this Act] ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS, BEQUESTS AND DEVICES MADE TO THE COMMISSION (WHETHER ON TRUST OR OTHERWISE) AND ACT AS TRUSTEE OF MONEY OR OTHER PROPERTY VESTED IN THE COMMISSION ON TRUST;
- h. [To confer, extend and grant awards, benefits and privileges to athletes, coaches and officials for outstanding performances in national and

international competitions] ERECT BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES AND CARRY OUT WORKS;

- i. [To confer, extend and grant support or assistance to sports associations which are in good standing with the Commission] OBTAIN COMMERCIAL SPONSORSHIP FOR THE COMMISSION AND PARTICIPATE IN MARKETING ARRANGEMENT INVOLVING THE ENDORSEMENT BY THE COMMISSION OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH SPORT;
 - j. [To exercise supervisory and visitorial powers over the national sports associations in connection with their sports promotion and development programs with respect to which financial assistance is extended by the Commission] ARRANGE FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF, AND DISTRIBUTE (WHETHER BY WAY OF SALE OR OTHERWISE), ANY ARTICLE OR THING BEARING A MARK, SYMBOL OR WRITING THAT IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMMISSION;
 - k. [To accept donations, gifts, bequests, and grants for the purposes of the Commission] PROVIDE, WHETHER BY SALE OR OTHERWISE, GOODS AND SERVICES TO PERSONS USING OR OTHERWISE ATTENDING FACILITIES OF THE COMMISSION; AND
 - l. [To ensure the implementation by various government departments and agencies of their sports promotion and development programs as indicated in their respective annual budgets] TO PERFORM ANY AND ALL OTHER ACTS INCIDENT TO OR REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION.
 - m. [To impose sanctions upon any national sports association, institution, association, body, entity, team, athlete and sports official for violation of its policies, rules and regulation]
 - n. To perform any and all other acts incident to or required by virtue of its creation.]
2. THE COMMISSION MAY CHARGE SUCH FEES OR IMPOSE SUCH CHARGES AS ARE REASONABLE IN RESPECT OF:
- a. ACCESS TO, OR USE OF, ANY OF THE RESOURCES OR FACILITIES OF THE COMMISSION;

- b. THE PROVISION OF PROGRAMS, SERVICES, INFORMATION OR ADVICE BY THE COMMISSION; AND
- c. THE ADMISSION OF PERSONS TO EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE COMMISSION.

3. THE POWERS OF THE COMMISSION MAY BE EXERCISED WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE PHILIPPINES.”

SECTION 7. Section 13 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 13. *RECOGNITION OF THE National Sports Association.* National sports associations, organized for their respective sports in the Philippines and [/or] affiliated with their respective international federations MAY BE [which are] recognized as such [International Olympic Committee, are recognized as such] by the Commission. THE PSC SHALL PROMULGATE NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS UPON THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT THE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS.

[The national sport association recognized by the Commission shall be autonomous and shall have exclusive technical control over the promotion and development of the particular sport for which they are organized, subject however to the supervisory and visitorial powers of the Commission, as provided in Section 11, paragraph (j) hereof.]

[Each national sports association shall, by its Constitutions and by laws, determine its organization and membership: Provided, however, that no team, school, club, organization or entity shall be admitted as a voting member of a national sports association unless sixty percent (60%) of the athletes composing said team school, club, organization or entity are Filipino citizens.]

[The Commission recognizes the following functions, powers, duties and responsibilities of the various national sports associations:

- a. To adopt a Constitution and by-laws not inconsistent with the Constitution and by-laws of the Philippine Olympic Committee;
- b. To raise funds by donations, benefits and other means for their purposes;
- c. To purchase, sell, lease or otherwise encumber property, real or personal, for the accomplishment of their respective purposes;
- d. To conduct competitions for the promotion of their respective sports;
- e. To appoint their representative to the Philippine Olympic Committee;
- f. To decide all questions on the amateur status and discipline of the athletes and officials connected with the associations as well as the members thereof and all disputes between members;
- g. To adopt, in coordination with the Philippine Olympic Committee, a training program for the development of the athletes and their preparation for international competitions;
- h. To select the athletes, coaches and other officials for their national teams taking into consideration not only their athletic abilities but also their discipline, moral character, aptitude and attitude;
- i. To keep accurate records of all official marks, scores and results attained by the athletes in the associations in all competitions, as well as all results of sports competitions, recognize and confirm the same and furnish copies thereof to the Philippine Olympic Committee;
- j. To qualify and license referees, umpires and other game officials who shall officiate in competitions in their respective sports; and
- k. To perform such other acts as may be necessary for the proper accomplishment of their purposes.]

SECTION 8. Section 14 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 14. *Executive Director.* – There shall be an Executive Director who shall be appointed or designated as such by the Chairman, preferably from among the four (4) Commissioners, and shall direct and supervise the day-to-day operations of the Commission. The Executive Director shall have supervision and control over the bureau on FINANCIAL AND administrative services HEADED BY A DEPUTY

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE BUREAU ON COORDINATING SECRETARIAT AND SUPPORT SERVICES HEADED BY A DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS INSTITUTE TO BE HEADED BY A DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. The Deputy Executive Directors shall be appointed by the Chairman."

SECTION 9. Section 16 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 16. Functions and Responsibilities of Officers and Staff. – The administrative services bureau shall be primarily responsible for providing services related to financial management, personnel, records, supplies and equipment, while the bureau on coordinating secretariat and support services shall be primarily responsible for plans and programs formulation, research, EDP and system management, public information and production, transportation, communications and such other functions and responsibilities as may be necessary and required by the Commission.

IN ADDITION, THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS INSTITUTE SHALL BE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SPORTS RELATED PROGRAMS ESPECIALLY BUT NOT LIMITED TO GRASSROOT DEVELOPMENT EVENTS, MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, OVERSEEING COACHES AND ATHLETE'S PERFORMANCE, COACHES AND ATHLETES EDUCATION PROGRAM AND NEEDS AND SUCH OTHER ACTIVITIES AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS."

SECTION 10. Section 19 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 19. *Tax Exemptions of the Commission.* – The Commission shall be exempted from the payment of customs duties, taxes and tariffs on the importation of sportswear, equipment, supplies, instruments and materials, including those donated to the Commission which are of international sports standard not available from local manufacturers and only in such numbers as may be required in the development of

various sports and/or training of the national pool of athletes. The importation of sportswear, equipment, supplies, instruments and materials donated to [the Philippine Olympic Committee and, through] the Commission [, to the various national sports associations certified under oath by the Commission to be required and necessary for the development of sports in the country shall also be exempt from the payment of customs duties, taxes and tariffs].”

SECTION 11. Section 20 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 20. Tax Deduction or Exemption of Donations and Contributions. – All donations and contributions to the Commission in connection with its fund-raising projects and its continuing sports development programs shall be exempt from the donor’s taxes, and shall be deductible in full in the computation of the taxable net income of the donor. [Donations and contributions to the Philippine Olympic Committee and/or the various national sports associations certified by the Commission to be pursuant to the development of sports in the country shall likewise be exempt from the payment of the donor’s and estate taxes and shall be deductible in full in computing the taxable net income of the donor.]”

SECTION 12. Section 23 of Republic Act No. 6847 shall read as follows:

“SEC. 23. Sports Facilities. The Administration and full control of all existing sports facilities, including land, buildings and equipment, owned by the national government, as well as those owned by government-funded foundations, associations and entities except liabilities [, shall be] transferred to the Commission THROUGH THE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6847 SHALL BE IN EFFECT: Provided, that the sports facilities owned by the local government units, state colleges and universities, or public shall remain with the said institutions or entities. In particular, the management and full control of all the land, buildings, equipment and other improvements thereon of the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex, and the Quezon City Velodrome [shall be] transferred to the Commission THROUGH THE R.A. NO. 6847 SHALL BE IN EFFECT CONTINUOUSLY. [upon the effectivity of this Act.]

The Commission shall CONTINUE TO have full control and management of the ULTRA, TEACHERS CAMP, University of Life Sports Complex. [two (2) years from the effectivity of this Act; and full use of and access to the facilities of the sports complex immediately upon the organization and start of the operations of the Commission.] The said sports complex include: (a) sports facilities consisting of grandstands, tennis and basketball courts, stadium oval and track and field, swimming pools, pool grandstand and viewing rooms, and related equipment and accessories; (b) ten (10) dormitory buildings, nos. A to J; (c) substations, air-conditioning building, control rooms, switch houses and light towers, centralized air-conditioning system, standby generators and ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SYSTEM [and PABX telephone system]; and (d) all other sports-related equipment and support facilities: [Provided, that the existing level of support and financial assistance for non-formal education from said complex shall continue with an annual increase of not more than ten percent (10%) per year up to December 31, 1992.]

2. THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF TEACHERS CAMP IN BAGUIO CITY FROM GINTONG ALAY SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION.

SECTION 13. Section 24 of Republic Act No. 6847 shall read as follows:

"SEC. 24. *ROLES OF RELEVANT GOVERNMENT ENTITIES* [Assistance by the Government Entities]. – The Commission may call upon any government entity for assistance in the performance of its functions and duties. [All heads of departments, agencies, corporations and offices of the government] LGUS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED), DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED) are hereby enjoined to render full assistance and cooperation to the Commission to ensure the attainment of its objectives and the success of the national sports development program."

SECTION 14. Section 26 of Republic Act No. 6847 shall read as follows:

"Sec. 26. Funding. [In order to provide the necessary funds required for the organizational and initial calendar year of operational expenditures of the

Commission, the amount of Twenty-five million pesos (P25,000,000.00) 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, including the implementation of the Decade of Physical Fitness and Sports: 1990-2000.]

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 PART OF THE GRASSROOT PROGRAM as well as the country's participation at international sports competitions [such as, but not limited to, the Olympics, Asian, and Southeast Asian Games, and all other international competitions, sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee and the International Federations] AS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, thirty percent (30%) representing the charity fund of the proceeds of six (6) LOTTO OR 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 the taxes collected on imported athletic equipment shall CONTINUE TO 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 Service Office 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 15. *Separability Clause.* – Should any provision herein be declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.

SECTION 16. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or other issuances or parts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 17. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect in fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,